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THIS is the terrifying moment have-a-go hero Haroon Qureshi came face to face with a vicious gunman dressed in a burka

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Railcare jobs 'brutally' axed

BY JAMES AVERILL

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WOLVERTON was rocked this week by the news that 118 people had been made redundant at Railcare in 'brutal fashion'.

And organisers of the Wolverton 175 campaign, celebrating the works' 175-year history, say the town has been 'soured' by the news.

Phil Marsh, a member of 175 and author of The Full Works said Wolverton residents were 'devastated' by the news.

"There will be workers on holiday who have no idea that they have lost their jobs," he told MK NEWS.

"Wolverton owes its existence to the rail works and what was supposed to be a year of celebrations has been soured by this news.

"Most people in Wolverton are saying 'what on earth is going on down there?' Nobody expected this."

Railcare was plunged into administration last Wednesday when a last-minute deal to buy it was called off.

And despite having a full book for the next four years, 118 employees in Wolverton, as well as 39 at its sister site in Glasgow, were told the news that they had lost their jobs on Friday when a list of names was reeled off in 'brutal fashion'.

Find more on this story at www.mkweb.co.uk

Now administrators BDO have moved to calm fears that the future of the Royal Train may lie away from the works.

Rail union RMT, and its general secretary Bob Crow, fear the train, which has been at the Wolverton depot for 98 years, could be moved.

But a spokesman for BDO said: "There is no reason for the Royal Train to be moved away at this time."

Meanwhile, local Wolverton councillor Peter Marland has started an online petition calling on Business Secretary Vince Cable to intervene and make sure that staff who have not been paid receive their wages.

Mr Marland, who is also Labour group leader on Milton Keynes Council, said: "It was a sad day.

"Those that have lost their jobs require support during this difficult time.

"Having not been paid for over a month they deserved better.

"Vince Cable and his department has stood on the sidelines and watched as a company with an excellent long-term future has hit short-term problems."

Local MP for Milton Keynes North, Mark Lancaster, said: "The announcement of redundancies at Railcare is worrying.

"I am determined to do all I can to support those who have been made redundant and have been in touch with the Department for Work and Pensions to ensure support is offered."

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Leader defends MK car parking charges

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE leader of Milton Keynes Council has defended car parking prices in the city after it was revealed it raked in £6.6million in 2011/12.

The figures, released this week by the RAC Foundation, show English councils have a total current account surplus of £565million from their on and off-street parking operations.

MK came 13th in the list – just weeks after parking prices were increased in Central Milton Keynes. But Andrew Geary has defended the sum, saying it was no surprise MK ranked so highly.

"I'm not arguing with the figures," Mr Geary told MK NEWS.

"But the reason the figures are so high is because of the sheer number of parking spaces we have, which are reasonably cheap compared to nearby places such as Aylesbury and Northampton."

MK's latest figure was a £600,000 increase on 2010/11 and £700,000 more than 2009/10.

This means that the surplus has increased by 13 per cent in just two years.

The list was led by Westminster Council with a whopping £41.6million surplus. Only London, Brighton and Hove, Cornwall, Leeds and Newcastle were ahead of MK.

Legally the money has to be reinvested back into transport – either public transport or repairing roads.

Labour councillor Mick Legg believes the £6.6million needs to be better invested in the city's roads.

"The state of repairs to roads in the city isn't good enough, so clearly they could be spending this money better."

Last night Cllr Geary was set to outline new plans to tackle road repairs at a meeting of the council's procurement committee.

Farewell: Francesca Skelton, *centre*, with Dr Julie Mills and the mayor, Cllr Brian White

Francesca in a class of her own

AN ANNUAL lecture will be held at Milton Keynes College in honour of Francesca Skelton, who has stepped down after six years as chairman of the governors.

Francesca, who is also Buckinghamshire's Deputy Lieutenant and becomes the county's High Sheriff in 2015, joined the governors in 2002.

At a farewell reception last week in the college's University Centre campus, principal Dr Julie Mills said: "Francesca has steered the college as it has grown and improved.

"We would not be the college we are today without her passionate, principled and ambitious leadership."

Francesca said: "This is an ambitious college sitting at the heart of an ambitious city.

"I know what a huge contribution it makes on the skills needs of our city and on the students as they develop their skills and confidence."

New governors' chief will be Fola Komolafe, who is chairman of the Milton Keynes Community Foundation, heads the city's Food Bank project and runs a charity called Fresh Inspiration. She is currently leading an Open University international educational development project in India.

Cook up a treat in baking competition

THE city's most brilliant bakers will be given the opportunity to show off their skills in an MK version of the British Bake-Off .

The event is open to individual cake decorators of all abilities, as well as children, families and groups.

The deadline for registration is noon on Friday and cakes must be delivered to MK Gallery by no later than 5pm on Thursday, August 15, ready for judging the next day.

Entries will be judged in five categories, with winning cakes remaining on display in the gallery's entrance foyer over the weekend of August 17 and 18.

Included in the judging panel will be Cally Jenkins, editor of MK NEWS and MKWeb, which is supporting the event.

Categories include children (10 years and under); children (11-16 years); family or group entry; adults (non-professionals) and adult (advanced/professional).

For more information about the event visit www.mkweb.co.uk

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Have-a-go heroes: Haroon Qureshi in the jewellery shop and, *inset*, neighbour Kevin Hannan

I'll shoot, burka gunman told me

BY MAL TATTERSALL
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HAVE-A-GO hero Haroon Qureshi told yesterday how he came face to face with a thuggish gunman dressed from head to toe in a burka.

Speaking exclusively to MK NEWS, he revealed how he wrestled with the gunman who ordered him to hand over £30,000 of jewellery.

And he carried on struggling even after being pistol-whipped by the raider who shouted 'I will shoot you'.

Dad-of-four Haroon, 41, was working in his brother Mansoor's jewellery shop in The Square, Wolverton, when the two burka-clad robbers burst into the adjoining Star Fashions shop. While one pointed a gun at his terrified wife Uzmat, 35, the other told Haroon to put all the jewellery into a supermarket bag.

"I wasn't just going to give everything away like that," said Haroon. "I was angry so I tried to grab his gun.

"He hit me across the shoulders with the gun and then tried to break the glass on the jewellery display case.

"I began wrestling and pushing him. Then as the men turned to flee I pulled off the top of his burka.

"He had a balaclava underneath. I don't think either man was Asian – the first had a West Indian accent and I think the second was white."

Estate agent Kevin Hannan, 34, who works next door, then risked his life in a desperate bid to stop the raiders' getaway car.

But as he stood in the road with his hands up, they callously drove their black Fiat 500 straight into him.

New dad Kevin, from Great Holm, was carried on the bonnet for 20 yards before rolling off into the road.

He said: "They didn't have any intention of stopping.

"Looking back, it was all quite scary. But I didn't think about that at the time."

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Mystery over deaths

POLICE are investigating the mysterious deaths of two men at a house in Tickford Street, Newport Pagnell.

A spokesman said the deaths were 'unexplained' but they were not treating them as suspicious. Post-mortems are being carried out.

Fatal crash on M1

A PASSENGER in a lorry was killed when it overturned after hitting the central barrier on the M1 near Newport Pagnell services.

Two other people suffered minor injuries in the accident that happened between junctions 14 and 15 on the southbound carriageway.

New hospital nurses

AN EXTRA 39 qualified nurses and 74 health care assistants are to be taken on at Milton Keynes Hospital.

The new intake this September and October follows a £1.5million recruitment drive.

Duo are charged after man stabbed in town

TWO men from Wolverton have been charged with wounding with intent following the stabbing of a 19-year-old.

Brendan Powell, 18, from Western Road, and Kyle Fabian, 20, from Marina Drive, appeared at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court yesterday.

The victim was stabbed at 3.20pm on Sunday, sparking a search involving a Thames Valley Police helicopter.

Officers are now looking for witnesses after the man, who is in a stable condition, was stabbed in the abdominal area while he walking towards Windsor Street.

Bungalows set for approval

COUNCILLORS were last night set to approve plans for 13 bungalows to be built in Bletchley.

The bungalows will be built on the site of three empty garages and will be suitable for older people and those in wheelchairs.

The council-owned bungalows will be in addition to 12 already being built in Stacey Bushes.

Cabinet member for housing and finance, Edith Bald, said: "I'm pleased the Conservative council is making a significant investment to increase the supply of social housing for the most vulnerable."

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Stop traveller mess

HAVING read your article about the expensive clear up following a stay by the traveller community at the Blue Lagoon (*MK NEWS, July 31*) I felt compelled to write.

I noticed a new camp had been set up along the H2 Millers Way opposite Fullers Slade. Within 24 hours it had a huge pile of black sacks on one of the grass verges.

Now to move caravans you need transport. Why on earth are these sacks not taken (in the same transport used to move around) directly to the local tip by the people creating the rubbish?

New Bradwell tip is 10 minutes away from this particular camp, it wouldn't take much effort.

If the travelling community won't take responsibility for the rubbish it produces in an appropriate way, then surely fines should be issued?

If I put my bins out early/was caught fly-tipping I would be fined – and rightly so!

Shouldn't vehicles be registered – could fines be issued against the vehicles on the site?

What is Milton Keynes Council doing to try and prevent this happening again and again?

Elise Muncaster
Sent by email

For more on this story, turn to page 13

Upset by parking costs

I DON'T know how many of your readers are aware of the car parking changes at the Cathedral of Trees car park in Livingstone Drive, but since Thursday anyone wishing to park there has to pay.

There are no exceptions, not even those with a blue badge. The overflow car park to the left of the main one will permanently shut and only be opened when a green burial is in progress, thus cutting down the capacity at a stroke.

As far as I can see The Parks Trust, which owns the land, is doing this entirely to generate money to enable it to 'make improvements in maintenance and safety', although this usually does nothing to combat vandalism, theft or assaults.

I am utterly appalled that an area which was designed for recreational pleasure such as walking and picnics is now being turned into a financial gravy train for The Parks Trust.

What on earth is going on in Milton Keynes? Every week double yellow lines spring up, more car parking charges are brought in, often in areas where there's no need. All that happens is that motorists find somewhere else to park, such as nearby estates, and the problem is foisted somewhere else.

I will never go to the Cathedral of Trees again and I feel angry and upset that, on a point of principle, an area of beauty has now become off limits to me.

Liz Green
Springfield

Breathe life into library

I AM a Milton Keynes citizen and a regular user of our Central Library for several years now.

I feel obliged to write to you about what I am certain would be the same concerns that many other users of our library have regarding the slipping standards of service and hygiene for a few years now.

The area that has seen the worst decline in the required standard of service is the computer suites.

The computers are too old and too slow to cope with demands of cyber technology, while the connection is absolutely terrible.

Worse still, there is little, if any, real maintenance carried out on the computers, which is reflected in their inability to operate modern Microsoft Office packages, especially Word.

Trying to open a pre-saved Microsoft Word or Excel (Office 2007 or 2010) on any of the library computers proves such a nightmare as they only recognise the old 2003 packages.

Even after repeatedly increasing the service charges for using the computers, as well as printing and photocopying, services have only continually deteriorated let alone improve in any way.

There has also been a complete lax in monitoring noise levels within the library, with many users now allowed to either use their phones in the designated quiet areas or chat so loudly as to disturb the required peace and quiet.

Hygiene levels on the computers and the timeworn carpets have also deteriorated. Worse still, the computer chairs are in a really sorry state; with most either wobbly or their adjustment mechanisms kaput. The chairs are a health and safety hazard and certainly unsuitable for people with back problems or disabilities in their legs.

Finally, many of the old staff members who were kind and very supportive have been replaced with newer members of staff who seem to be often grumpy and annoyed when called upon to assist with the computers or printing and photocopying.

The library needs a breath of fresh air to make it a more attractive public facility like in other towns and cities.

Name and address supplied

Don't give up on MK

I COMPLETELY understand Tim Harrisons' despair and frustration (*'MK deserves to be in top 100 crap towns', Letters, MK NEWS, July 24*).

It is sickening to see the original qualities of Milton Keynes being eroded or lost. But all I can say is never give up.

Through grassroots campaign groups such as Xplain, ordinary people are definitely making a difference. Every time we highlight a scandal such as Secklow Gate Bridge, or stop companies building private parking spaces over city gardens, we stop the march of mediocrity in its tracks.

Against all odds we recently halted thecentre:mk's plans to destroy Secklow Gate, the market and our finest architecture simply to build a new chain store that could easily have been built on an empty site nearby.

MP Mark Lancaster described this as a positive turning point for Milton Keynes. This is reassuring but where are the champions of MK in our own council? They do exist, but until we vote more of them into power it will be up to us, the people, to protect the best of MK.

The original architects designed a unique 'city in a forest' and left us a superb inheritance that greedy developers touch at their peril.

Take heart; there is still time to shape a better future and complete Lord Campbell's vision of Milton Keynes as a 'city for all horizons of history'.

Linda Inoki
Chairman of Xplain

Iain's Monthly Focus

Put your questions to Iain Stewart MP

WITH Parliament currently in recess, MP Iain Stewart has been spending time meeting local organisations, people and businesses.

Milton Keynes Community Foundation recently arranged for him to visit some of the local projects it funds. This week, Iain answers some questions on community issues in the city.

Q: What advice would you give to groups who have ideas to improve their community but don't have funding?

A: I would strongly encourage any such groups to contact Bart Gamber and his team at MK Community Foundation and Alan Eagle at Santander Foundation.

MK Community Foundation has 27 years' experience supporting groups and individuals with funding for various community projects. I know that people are sometimes put off by lengthy applications but the foundation has a number of small grants that don't require such.

In addition, it is always happy to discuss any initial applications and guide groups on how best to access available grants.

When I recently visited the Tinkers Bridge project that the foundation supported, I was surprised to learn that there are substantial funds available for various projects in Milton Keynes which people aren't applying for.

Also, I met with the Santander Foundation recently and it informed me it has funding available for local projects and interested registered charities only need to complete a one-page application form to access these grants.

Q: You go around visiting many community groups. How important a role do you think they play in Milton Keynes?

A: Community groups across the city play a hugely important role that should never be underestimated. I would refer to them as the glue that holds the fabric of Milton Keynes together.

Our success as a city lies in the 'Team MK' spirit – this is enhanced by the many local support groups and projects which allow residents to take a sense of pride in their communities.

I would like to use this opportunity to commend Community Action MK, which trains and supports various local groups across the city.

The work that its community mobilisers do across Milton Keynes is invaluable.

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On patrol: A traffic warden issues tickets at electric vehicle parking bays near Debenhams

Plug pulled on Kathryn's fine

BY MAL TATTERSALL
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MILTON Keynes Council may have to refund fines to hundreds of motorists penalised for parking in 'electric vehicle-only' bays.

MK NEWS exclusively revealed last week how the council's website said ordinary cars could be parked there from 10am to 4pm.

And we told how shopper Kathryn O'Neill, 30, of Broughton, was horrified to get a £70 ticket after leaving her Seat Altea outside Debenhams for 50 minutes.

But last night a council spokesman said they had agreed to tear up Kathryn's ticket. He added: "On this occasion we will cancel her ticket. We will always listen to appeals and we like to be sympathetic."

He said other motorists fined for parking in the bays also had the right to appeal and added: "We will judge every case on its merits."

The council also changed the wording on its website parking page on Monday.

It now says: "Due to demand, the council has made 14 of its electric vehicle spaces 'EV only at all times'.

"This means that only electric vehicles can park in these spaces, irrespective of the time of day. As EV usage grows, we will reserve more spaces exclusively to help ensure motorists can always charge when they need to."

A lawyer we consulted believes the council could be forced to refund thousands of pounds. He said: "If the signage is not clear, there would be a moral obligation not to enforce a fine and possibly a legal defence."

Last night delighted Kathryn praised MK NEWS. She said: "I'm thrilled. Thank you for helping me get justice."

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Two face theft rap

TWO men accused of six charges of stealing from cars have been bailed to appear before Milton Keynes magistrates next Wednesday. They were named as Aaron Tompkins, 25, of Countess Way, Broughton, and 19-year-old Thomas Brown, of no fixed address. The alleged thefts took place last Tuesday between midnight and 5am in Kents Hill, Middleton and Monkston.

Train kills man

A MAN was killed after being hit by a train at Milton Keynes Central on Saturday. The incident, shortly before 12.30pm, caused major delays to services to and from London. A spokesman for the British Transport Police said: "The man was pronounced dead at the scene and enquiries are ongoing to establish his identity and inform family."

Chief loved filming for Top Gear show

THE chief executive of Milton Keynes Council says he was pleased to host Top Gear in the city.

Some residents voiced concern that roads were shut from 6am-6pm last Sunday.

The shots including MK lasted a matter of seconds when broadcast this week, but were watched by about 37million viewers.

David Hill said: "The filming has given us some material to use with potential investors, putting us on the map with millions of viewers.

"This will have a positive impact on long-term inward investment in MK."

Bowl future to be decided

A DECISION on the future of the iconic MK Bowl is expected on September 4.

A consultation over the future of the arena finished on Monday, with 162 people responding.

The Urban Design team will now bring together the responses and produce a summary of these and a final brief for Milton Keynes Council's cabinet to decide which of the five options available will be adopted.

All options include the new Badminton Centre, but other options include the MK Dons first team using it for training, MK Cycling and concerts.

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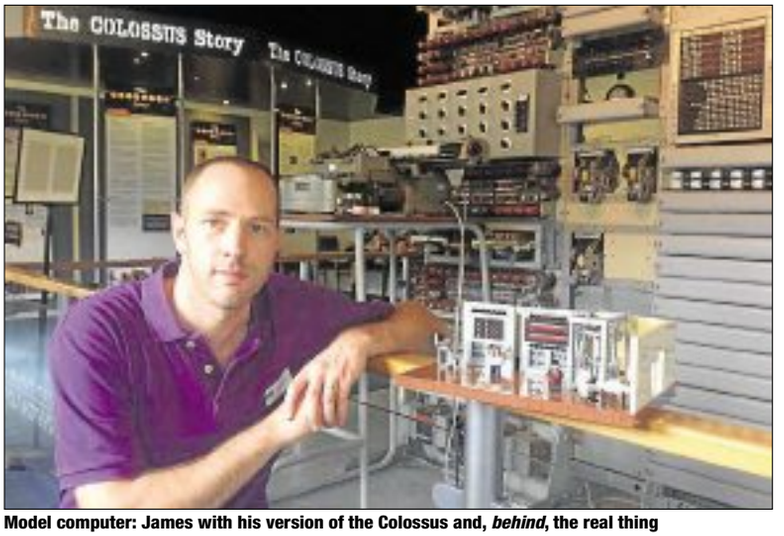

Model computer: James with his version of the Colossus and, *behind*, the real thing

Colossus of a task for Lego fan James

SURVEYOR James Pegrum has built a lifelike scale model of Bletchley Park's wartime Colossus computer ...out of Lego bricks.

And now it has pride of place in the city's National Museum of Computing – right next to the real thing.

Dad-of-two James, 36, used hundreds of little bricks to create the model.

But at 13ins long, 8ins deep and 5ins high, it is dwarfed by the real thing which measures 7ft by 1ft by 4ft.

Engineer Phil Hayes, who helped rebuild the Colossus, the world's first electronic computer, said: "James' model has the advantage of being cheaper and cooler to run – but I think it would struggle to perform the same computing feats!"

James, of Redbridge, London, said: "The Colossus played a major part in our history by cracking secret German wartime codes."

Cops search for missing people

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POLICE have this week been searching for three missing people from Milton Keynes.

Thug Hong Aguyen, sometimes known as Thuyang Nguyen, is a 16-year-old girl who was last seen in Oldbrook on July 18, when she said she was going to Eaglestone.

Miss Aguyen is Vietnamese, 4ft 4ins tall, of slim build with long black hair in a pony tail. She was last seen wearing a green top and a beige skirt with white sandals.

Police said that she may 'possibly be in the company of others'.

Also missing is George Howett, 58, who was last seen at his home in Beanhill last Wednesday morning.

Mr Howett is 5ft 8ins, of medium build, with grey short hair. He was last seen wearing a black T-shirt, a dark blue bodywarmer and blue jeans.

Investigating officer PC Jessica Lomax said: "We are becoming increasingly concerned for his welfare and would like to speak to anyone who has seen him."

Meanwhile, police have released a CCTV image of a man who they believe has been missing since March this year.

Brian Nolan, 62, was last seen in Tattenhoe.

Anyone with information about the whereabouts of these people should call police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Teen guilty

A TEENAGER has been sentenced to more than three years in custody for robberies across the city.

Lee Wickham, 18, of Temple, Stantonbury, was sentenced to a total of three years and three months at a Young Offenders Institution at Aylesbury Crown Court last Monday.

Wickham, *pictured*, was guilty of robberies in Saxon Street and outside Stantonbury Campus from January 7-9, and failing to surrender to custody at an appointed time under the Bail Act.

Cockroaches found in kitchen

AN ORIENTAL restaurant had to be shut down for a day after council officials found a cockroach infestation in its kitchen.

Sai Mantra in Queensway, Bletchley, was about to open as usual at 11am on Thursday when officials shut it down.

It has since treated the infestation and been allowed to reopen.

A council spokesman said: "When we revisited the next day, we found they had carried out a substantial amount of work to treat the infestation and raise hygiene standards."

Family fun at the market

MARKET traders are planning a special family fun day on Saturday, August 31 to thank residents for helping keep them in business.

More than 20,000 people signed a petition that helped block plans to build a Primark on the market site at thecentre:mk. And Cllr Linda Inoki, who championed the traders' cause, said: "This will be a day to celebrate that victory. The market has been there for 30 years. It is an asset of community value."

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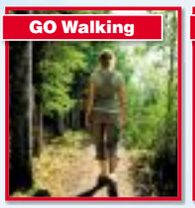

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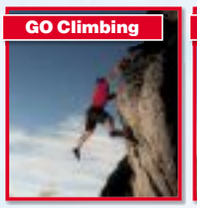

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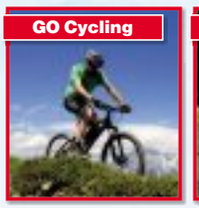

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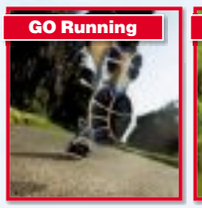

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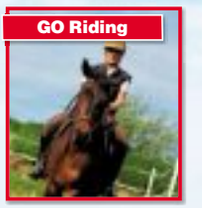

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Riddle of secret city water park

BY MAL TATTERSALL
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MYSTERY surrounds ambitious plans to open a giant water park at a secret Milton Keynes location next year.

A company called Splash Planet has launched a website and Facebook page.

But both give only the barest details, saying merely that it will be 'affordable and accessible to everyone'.

Milton Keynes Council knows nothing about the project. And now people are asking if it's for real – or a bizarre spoof.

The Splash Planet Facebook page boasts: "Our amazing design team are currently working on some early concept designs, we'll be sharing them with you soon.

"It's certainly a facility that Milton Keynes would benefit from and we hope people will support the project."

Neither site gives any pointers as to where the park will be, what facilities it will have or what it will cost.

The only clue is a photo of a spectacular German water park inside a giant airline hangar. And because there are no details of the company, MK NEWS was unable to find out more.

A look to the future?: The picture of the German water park that's on Splash Planet's Facebook page

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A statement on the Facebook page, which has nearly 2,500 'likes', says it "is an early conceptual vision mode, a vision we 'hope' to bring to you in 2014."

It adds: "With every project, big or small, things can go wrong and people can slow progress. But we really hope to make this project a reality."

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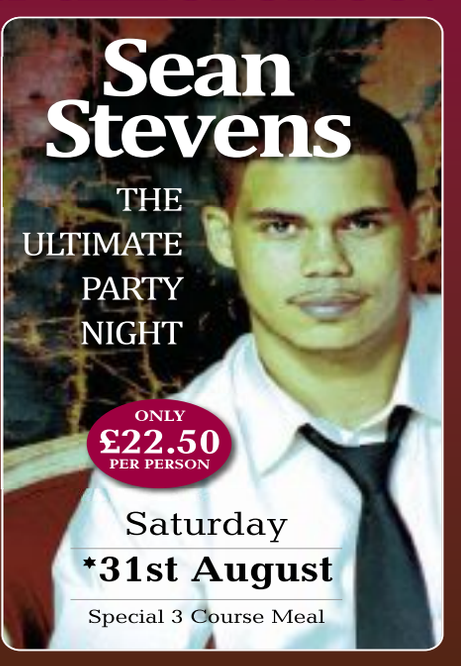

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Footy coach told to pay back cash

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A FOOTBALL coach who took money from parents to organise a club trip but spent it himself has been ordered to pay it back.

Simon Brown, 40, had been a coach for the Newport Pagnell Lions U9s team.

Last year he collected £1,955, which was supposed to pay for a football tour abroad.

He claimed he asked Newport Pagnell Town Football Club to place the payments in its bank account, but it refused.

Instead, the money was put in Brown's own bank account and he spent it himself after suffering the breakdown of his marriage and becoming addicted to gambling.

At a previous court hearing he pleaded guilty to fraud and told magistrates he had received treatment for his addiction and was willing to pay the parents back.

And when he appeared for sentencing at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on Monday he was told to give the money back to the seven parents he had taken it from.

He was also ordered to carry out 210 hours' of unpaid community work and pay £450 court costs.

Following the hearing, one parent, Danielle Turner, said: "At the time I was a single parent trying to pay for me and my son to go on this tour.

"That was our only holiday of the year and we never got to go."

Fellow parent Jo Davison added: "We don't feel that enough justice has been done for the impact this has had on a group of nine-year-olds."

Brown, of Kingshill Drive, Deanshanger, declined the chance to speak to MK NEWS following the court case.

Fraudster: Simon Brown stole money from parents at Newport Pagnell Lions

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Asbestos left at beauty spot

BY MAL TATTERSALL
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TRAVELLERS dumped potentially-deadly asbestos at a beauty spot before council officials could evict them, MK NEWS can reveal.

Workmen clearing the site at the Blue Lagoon nature reserve at Water Eaton found sheets of it among piles of rubbish.

It is thought the travellers had been paid in cash to dispose of it 'safely' from a building site in London.

But they just threw the sheets on the back of a truck and drove it 50 miles up the motorway to Milton Keynes.

Now council chiefs plan to chase up the culprits to claw back the £2,000 it cost to clear up the mess they left behind.

Councillor Peter Geary, cabinet member for communities, said: "Fortunately this turned out not to be the most deadly form of asbestos.

"But if children had jumped on the sheets and broken them, then the spores could have caused problems."

The 10 travellers caravans were only at the Blue Lagoon site for a few days. But our exclusive photos showed the rubbish they left behind.

We told how workmen wearing big protective gloves to clear it had to hold their noses against the appalling stench.

Fly-tipping – much blamed on a small number of anti-social travellers – has increased dramatically recently.

More traveller families have been moving into the city after a crackdown on them in the neighbouring Central Bedfordshire area.

But Cllr Geary warned the council would not allow illegal camps and fly-tipping.

"We take a very robust attitude," he said. "MK residents should not have to pay for their mess."

Trashed: Piles of rubbish are left behind after anti-social travellers set up an illegal caravan camp at the Blue Lagoon

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House burglaries linked say police

BY JAMES AVERILL
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POLICE are linking a number of burglaries on 'vulnerable properties' that have taken place across the city.

And this week they have urged residents to stay vigilant during the warm weather and make sure houses are secure – as they could be targeted.

Seven offences have taken place between July 3 and Wednesday last week.

Investigating officer, Detective Sergeant Kelly Gardner, from Local CID Milton Keynes, said: "The most common cases of opportunist summer burglary involve offenders that enter an insecure front door while residents are in the back garden, enter doors that are closed but unlocked at night while residents are asleep or reach through windows to take valuable items.

"Please remain vigilant and advise any elderly friends, family or neighbours of the importance of keeping windows, particularly ground floor windows, closed and locked overnight.

"We understand the weather is hot, but offenders look for any opportunity and insecure windows or doors can provide that."

Detective Sergeant Kelly Gardner urges residents to be vigilant

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sexual health advice

MK NEWS recently reported the number of underage pregnancies in the city has dropped. Brook is one group offering sexual health advice to young people in MK so reporter JAMES AVERILL went along to find out more about its work

MILTON Keynes has always had rather a young population – so it is vital there is a charity that helps them to overcome any problems they may have.

And one of the more embarrassing subject matters for younger people to discuss openly is their sexual health.

The city's branch of sexual health charity Brook, based in South Fifth Street, offers help and support to many of them, catering specifically for people aged 15-25.

"They come to us with many problems," said Maxine Beilby, a service manager who has worked for the group for five years.

"Often they visit us because of peer pressure to become sexually active before they are ready, advice on how to talk to parents, or education about contraception or sexually transmitted diseases."

The figures reveal a clear need for this support. On average, Brook MK has 16,000 visits per year from 9,000 different individuals.

Many of those visitors will be young women who are pregnant.

Just three weeks ago, Brook announced the city's underage pregnancy rates had reduced by a third since 2003.

This, Brook says, is down to hard work with schools educating young girls about contraception, as well as providing outreach drop-ins across the city.

It's part of a host of services aimed at educating young people, added Ella Morris, a nurse manager for more than 20 years.

"We have screenings for sexually transmitted infections, as well as a boys and young men's worker helping them to access services.

"We believe all young people have the right to education which equips them with the information they need to form healthy and positive sexual relationships."

Supporting youngsters: Brook's Ella Morris and Maxine Beilby

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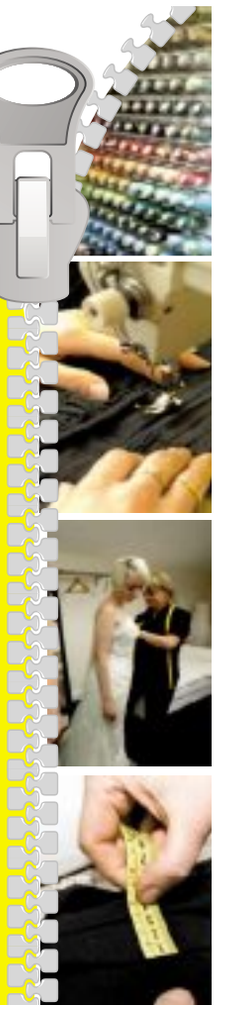

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James could sell his flute to fund studies

BY RACHAEL WEST

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A YOUNG music prodigy faces the prospect of having to sell his prized flute to pay his hefty student fees.

James Westlake, a scholarship student at the Webber Independent School, has been accepted at the highly coveted London Film School, but will have to pay an incredible £18,000-a-year fee.

And unless he finds sponsorship from a business, the only way to fund it is to sell the flute, a gift from his disabled grandmother.

The £25,000 flute, an antique 14k Brannen-Cooper flute – the 46th one the company made – was bought in 2009 when his grandmother cashed in her life savings.

With this he has won the Sir John Dankworth Memorial Trophy for Woodwind in 2012 and 2013, as well as the Open Recital at the Milton Keynes Music Festival in the same years.

James has often performed free at several local charity events, but the gifted youngster needs to raise an additional £12,000 a year for the two years, following the grant he has received from Student Finance England.

James said: "I am willing to play at people's events, busk and travel if it means I can help fund my education. I owe this to my grandmother as she believed in me from the very beginning and I know it would break her heart if I had to stop playing."

If James can find the funds, he will be one of just 20 students a year accepted to the Film School to be taught by BAFTA-winning tutors.

If you have an event or can support James, contact his mum, Cathy, on 01908 564124, or email cathywestlake@hotmail.co.uk

James Westlake with his flute

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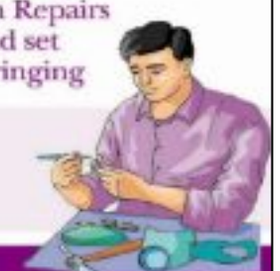

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Pop duo to share stage with stars

Hitting the big time: MK duo Mister Vee and Jamie Stimpson will play in Cardiff

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A POP duo hope to put the city on the music map when they perform in front of 25,000 people at the Millennium Stadium.

Jamie Stimpson and Mister Vee will be heading to Cardiff to perform at the Mardis Gras festivities on August 31.

They will be sharing the stage with Beverley Knight, who is headlining the show, and X-Factor star Rylan Clark, who is the host for the evening.

"It's definitely the pinnacle of our career," said Jamie, 24, who attended Stantonbury School.

"But we can't really approach it any differently because that would disrupt our act. While I'm a bit more apprehensive than usual I'm certain we'll be fine when we're out on stage."

Jamie first met Mister Vee, real name Alfie Desborough, at a local studio label.

And 21-year-old Alfie, who hails from Great Linford and attended Sir Frank Markham Community School, believes their appearance can help put Milton Keynes on the music map.

"This is a great opportunity for us. If someone had said six months ago we'd playing the Millennium Stadium I'd have said no chance, but it shows that you should believe in yourself and shows how far we've come.

"I want people to know there is great music here in MK."

The duo will perform four tracks at the gig, which is the same day they release their album Judgement Day. Before that they aim to get their new single Energy into the iTunes charts.

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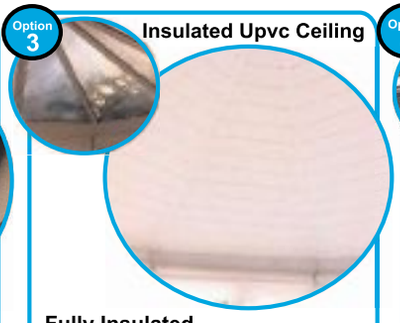

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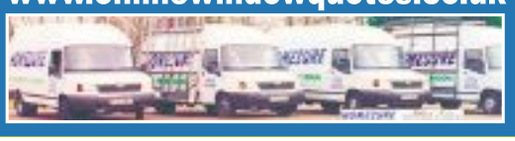

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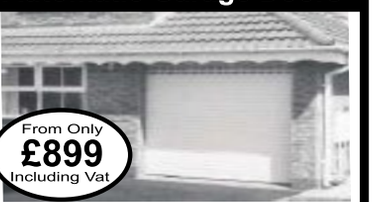

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Matt 'delighted' with first book

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A MAN who wrote a children's book after being made redundant is delighted to see it for sale.

Matt Robins, 30, has recently launched his first book, called Max and George Make Friends, and hopes it is the first of many.

The Oxley Park resident was made redundant from his job at a private health company in late 2012.

But just eight months later he is 'delighted' to see children in Milton Keynes reading his book, which is being sold on Amazon.

And a school in London has even decided to use the book as part of its personal, social and health education (PSHE) lessons.

"I had a bit of spare time, and thought I would give it a go," Matt told MK NEWS.

"When I was growing up in the 80s all the books and cartoons had a moral message and I don't feel that is something that happens as much now.

Published author: Matt Robins with his children's book

"I wanted to write a book that would deliver an important message but make it fun for children at the same time."

Matt's book revolves around two central characters named Max, a young deaf boy who is struggling to make friends, and George, a monkey that helps him overcome his difficulties.

Matt himself suffers with tinnitus in his right ear and is gradually losing his hearing, while George is based on Matt's very own cuddly toy that kept him company during writing.

"The book explores how Max just tries to get on with daily life despite his disability," said Matt.

"The moral is that you shouldn't judge a book by its cover."

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Tom's 100-mile trek for charity

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A MAN with bipolar disorder is walking from Milton Keynes to Southend to raise money for a city charity.

Tom Beddall, 67, can experience extreme depression as part of his condition and it was during one of these low times that he came across Monkston-based Climb Your Mountain.

Having attended several walks and lectures by charity founder Charlie Wardle, the semi-retired draughtsman wanted to show his gratitude by helping the charity raise funds with his walk, which is estimated to be about 100 miles.

"It's a big challenge but we will do our best with it," said Tom.

"I'm stubborn so I'm sure I'll be able to do it!"

Tom, who enjoys going to the gym and playing golf, hopes to complete the challenge within six days.

Best foot forward: Tom Beddall will walk to Southend for charity

He will set off on Saturday, August 17 from Morrison's car park in Barnsdale Drive, Shenley Brook End.

"Anyone who would like to come along and wish me well would be most welcome. The more the merrier," he added.

Climb Your Mountain was set up in 2008 and aims to help anyone going through a difficult time in their lives.

It recognises the value of exercise and activities to treat stress and depression.

So far just under £500 has been raised through Tom's Just Giving page. If you wish to donate go to www.justgiving.com/Tom-Beddall.

Every penny raised through the Just Giving website will go to the charity as Tom is paying for the walk himself.

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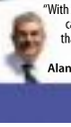

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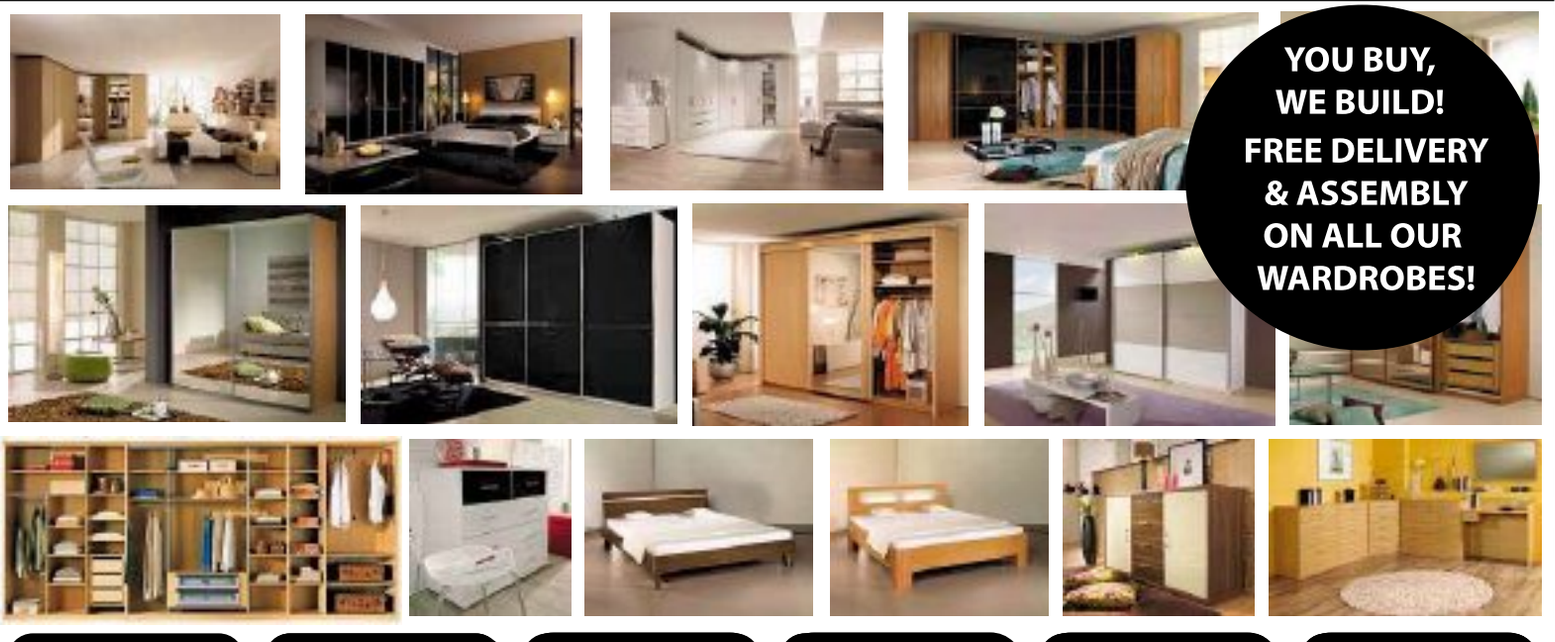

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Cyber crime warning for companies

CITY MP Mark Lancaster has urged local businesses to think about cyber security.

The Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) recently published a report called Cyber security and fraud: the impact on small businesses, which shows that cyber crime costs its members about £785million per year as they fall victim to fraud and online crime.

It also shows 41 per cent of FSB members have been a victim of cyber crime in the last 12 months, putting the average cost at around £4,000 per business.

However, the report finds that almost 20 per cent of FSB members have not taken any steps to protect themselves from a cyber crime, even though 36 per cent of respondents said they regularly install security patches.

Almost six in 10 members regularly update their virus scanning software to minimise their exposure to online crime.

In response to this the FSB has developed some top tips for small firms to help them keep their data secure and reduce the risk of online fraud. They include measures on having the right security protection and practices, staff training and having regular assessment and testing of security.

Mr Lancaster said: "Cyber crime can hit small firms hard, so it's important they think about the procedures in place to prevent it.

"The FSB's top tips are an excellent tool for businesses that aren't sure where to turn to for advice and set out clear steps to reduce the risk of operating online."

Bakers dozen: Gary Worrall with owner Matthew Lane, who has opened an artisan bakery with wife Kristi in Stony Stratford

New bakers hope to rise to the occasion

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A FORMER construction worker has finally achieved his dream of opening up an artisan bakery – and hopes his business will rise to success.

Matthew Lane, 39, and his wife Kristi have opened up Woodstock Bakery in Stony Stratford's High Street.

And since the launch at the end of July, business has been booming for their homemade bloomers.

"All our products are handmade, hand shaped and made on the premises using water, flour and salt," said Matthew.

"Early business has been very good – on our first day the customers were queuing outside the door. We've been very well received and we're overwhelmed."

The husband and wife team were inspired to start their own bakery business by looking at the success of new bakers in Suffolk and Sheffield.

"We were really inspired by two bakers that opened in Suffolk and Sheffield. Their owners showed that you can have a change in career and still be successful."

And a large part of Matthew and Kristi's business plan is to keep the products as local as they can.

Matthew said: "We're looking to source ingredients such as olives, sun dried tomatoes and artichokes from local suppliers.

"We will be offering jam from a local producer and will hopefully be supplying local food businesses. Even the contractors who fitted out the shop are local!

"The more local suppliers and producers can work together and offer supporting products from each other, the stronger local High Streets and businesses will be."

And Matthew and Kristi are hoping the early success carries on.

Matthew added: "Baking has always been a passion, but if someone had told me 10 years ago I'd be running a bakery, I'd have thought they were mad!"

Motor firm's 'marvellous' move to MK

THE Motorsport Industry Association (MIA) has welcomed the move by Honda to base its European racing operations in Milton Keynes from June 2014.

The new facility will be the European frontline operation for Honda's involvement in Formula 1 and the World Touring Car Championship (WTCC).

It is where the power units being developed at Honda R&D centre in Tochigi, Japan, will be rebuilt and maintained and also where its trackside support operations will be based.

Vince Cable, Secretary of State for Business, has welcomed the move.

He said: "We very much welcome Honda's announcement.

"The decision by Honda emphasises the importance of the UK's Motorsport Valley as a world renowned centre of excellence for technological innovation and product development."

Chris Aylett, CEO of the MIA said: "This is marvellous news for the UK motorsport industry

"This decision by Honda to invest in the heartland of the UK Motorsport Valley community is extremely significant.

"It is a strong vote of confidence from this much respected leader in the global motorsport community.

"The move will see UK engineers employed, investment in premises and operations and valuable new business growth for UK suppliers.

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Digging in to begin work on warehouse

CONSTRUCTION work has begun on a new logistics warehouse for a major retailer in Milton Keynes.

The official groundbreaking ceremony of John Lewis' new warehouse at Magna Park was held last Tuesday.

The 675,000sq ft building will be used to further support the retailer's distribution of retail products to its shops across the UK, as well as the rapid growth of its online business.

In March, global developer Gazeley won the contract to develop the warehouse.

It will be located next to John Lewis' existing 650,000sq ft distribution centre, which Gazeley was also responsible for building.

It means the two warehouses, which will be joined by a footbridge, will be one of the biggest sites in Europe.

Alex Verbeek, UK country director for Gazeley, said: "This cements our relationship with one of the country's leading retailers and we're delighted to be working with John Lewis again as it looks to expand its distribution operations. The building has been designed to match the company's specific requirements and we are on track to deliver on time and on budget."

MP Iain Stewart and deputy mayor Cllr Subhan Shafiq were given a hard hat tour around the site.

First dig: *From left*, Nigel Godfrey, Pam Gosal, Dino Rocos, Iain Stewart and Paul Griffiths

Family law firm launched following cuts to legal aid

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TWO solicitors have set up a new family law firm following cuts in legal aid.

Leo Marchant and Siobhan Arslan launched Acorn Family Law in Midsummer Boulevard at the beginning of July, having previously run the Family Law Unit at the Milton Keynes Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB).

The CAB unit was forced to close down in March prior to the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act (LASPO) being implemented in April.

The act introduced a series of cuts to legal aid due to its new stringent measures, with many lawyers claiming it is denying people access to justice.

The changes mean that some cases are no longer eligible for public funds, including divorce, welfare benefits, employment, child contact, clinical negligence and housing law.

Controversial measures resulting from these changes include victims of domestic violence having to prove their injuries before they can get legal aid for family cases.

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As a result of the cuts, Leo and Siobhan decided to create their own firm which would help those most in need of legal aid who are no longer eligible for it.

"We were very conscious that there are many people out there with a huge need for what we provide," Siobhan told MK BUSINESS.

"If you're on benefits, how are you going to be able to afford legal fees, so we set ourselves up as a value-for-money service that make the fees a bit more affordable."

The implementation of LASPO is planned to reform the system and save £350million a year.

"Ten years ago you would have got £250 for a divorce, but legal aid funding was shrinking and shrinking," added Siobhan.

"By the time the unit at the CAB closed it was down to £146.

"There are people out there who don't know what to do. They might have had a relationship end and need legal help.

"Our rates compare favourably to a lot of law firms and we hope that we will be able to give that valuable service for value for money.

"We also offer free 20 minute appointments if people want to pay us a visit and explore their options."

Agency supplies staff to the NHS

A SPECIALIST recruitment agency has been appointed by the Government to help recruit high quality medical staff.

Milton Keynes-based National Locums led the Medic Supply consortium's successful bid to the Government Procurement Service (GPS) to supply locum doctors and GPs to NHS hospitals throughout Britain for the next two years.

The consortium had to demonstrate the ability to meet stringent NHS employment verifications and quality standards, financial stability and adherence to regulatory checks.

Managing director David Cook said: "This is a terrific achievement and a testimony to the quality of our team in sourcing and supplying outstanding locums and GPs, often at short notice, and our ability to meet the exacting standards specified by the Government."

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40 high tech jobs created as Prodrive wins contract

BY JAMES AVERILL
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AN ENGINEERING business will create 40 high tech jobs for people in the city after bagging a major contract.

Prodrive, based in Rooksley, currently employs more than 120 staff in the city and is one of Europe's largest manufacturers of composite components.

The company is about to start a major programme to manufacture the lightweight bodywork and trim for a new supercar.

And now it is seeking local people to become composite production technicians to manufacture the high-tech lightweight components.

Composites is already a huge global industry worth billions of pounds. The lightweight material used to be the domain of Formula 1 and stealth fighters, but now it is increasingly being used on commercial airliners and in road cars.

Prodrive's managing director, Tony Butcher, said: "We are not necessarily looking for people with previous composite experience, rather those who have the right attitude, an attention to detail and a willingness to learn.

"Our composite components are all handmade, so we are looking for men or women who can follow a pattern or design to create a product.

Impressed: Mark Lancaster MP, *right*, during last week's visit to Prodrive. He was shown around the group's base in Precedent Drive, Rooksley, by managing director Tony Butcher, *centre*, and general manager Ian Handscombe

Milton Keynes North MP, Mark Lancaster, visited Prodrive last week and welcomed the positive news.

He said: "It is fascinating to see the application and attention to detail the technicians need to make these complex components.

"These are highly skilled roles, which rely on individuals rather than machines to ensure product quality.

"It is excellent news that we have such a successful and growing business in the town and that Prodrive is focussed on recruiting and training local people to fulfil its needs."

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MK store best out of 135 in UK

DANIEL Scott, who runs Mail Boxes Etc in the city has received a national award, after beating competition from 134 other stores across the UK.

Mr Scott, whose store is located in Eldergate, was crowned franchisee of the year for the company.

He opened his first store when he was just 27. He had always wanted to have his own business and was delighted to find that being a Mail Boxes Etc franchise would enable him to achieve this many years earlier than he had thought.

At his stores in Milton Keynes and Watford, Mr Scott and his staff offer services including the safe and secure packaging and despatch of parcels to destinations all over the UK and abroad, mail box rental, printing, document finishing, photocopying, corporate literature design, office supplies and stationery.

Speaking about his award, he said: "I was really surprised and also extremely pleased to receive the recognition.

"Franchising is a great way of being in business for yourself."

Franchisee of the year: Daniel Scott

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New finance director

THE Medical Research Network (MRN) has appointed experienced finance director Simon Mouncer.

Simon, who is based at MRN's Milton Keynes headquarters, has been with the company since early 2012 in an interim capacity and has stepped up to his new, permanent role after the company announced its most successful year-end figures to date.

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A Word from Pete

MK Dons chairman Pete Winkelman says this season is a lot more about enjoyment than 'the 'p' word'.

Last season the Dons were one of the favourites to gain promotion, and Winkelman set out the club's stall at the time by saying failure to reach the Championship wouldn't happen again.

That failed to come to fruition, and it is because of the expectation that Winkelman believes the team faltered in the last campaign.

He thinks that there was too much pressure on the stadiummk outfit last season, and he insists that this season is about getting the fun back into the side's football.

"I'm definitely not going to mention the p word," said Winkelman. "I think one of the mistakes last year was allowing the pressure to come onto us. We were everybody's tip to get promoted and we tipped ourselves.

"I think that led to us playing slightly differently and we're at our best when we play proper football, where people can receive the ball and we play in a more European style.

"I want us to enjoy our football and I want the fun back so that we can express ourselves.

"If we play to our capabilities then we will win a lot more games than we will lose."

Winkelman is also not worried at having lost some players in the close season as he thinks the club's academy is progressing very well.

It is a young squad that will grace stadiummk this season, but that does not worry Winkelman. "We've got a lot of young players and it really is about the future", he said." I think it has maybe reminded the older players about why they play football.

"But one crucial thing we've learned from last season is not to panic - the season is long."

Winkelman said the stadium is due to be finished around September, but his next aim is to improve the facilities at the club's training ground.

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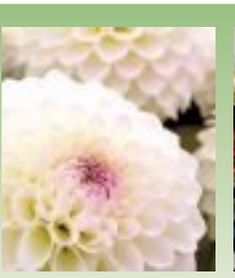

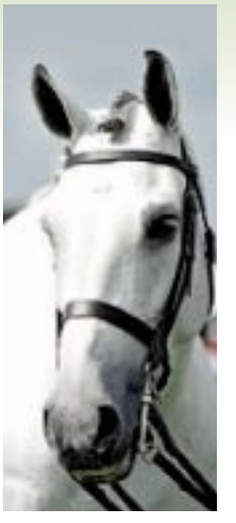

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Assistant manager Gary Waddock says coming to MK Dons was an easy decision for him.

Having worked for the Premier League monitoring the progress of the Elite Player Performance Plan, Waddock was asked to replace Mick Harford as assistant in June, and the former Wycombe Wanderers and Aldershot Town manager jumped at the chance to get back involved in the day-to-day running of a football club.

"This is a very good club," said Waddock.

"From the outside you look at it and when you look at the quality of the players that Karl has brought together with the stadium and the facilities, it was an easy decision to make."

Waddock has a good experience of management, having taken Aldershot Town into the Football League in 2008, before a three-year spell in charge of Wycombe Wanderers, where he experienced promotion to League One and relegation back to League Two before he was sacked in September last year.

But he says despite being older than Karl Robinson, he has a lot to learn from the Dons manager, as well as vice versa.

"I think we can help each other out - he's a young manager but he is also an experienced manager to be in the position he is in at his age," he said.

"He's achieved a lot in his time and we can learn from each other."

Waddock is now looking forward to getting down to the business of this season, although he did give a hat tip to predecessors Harford and John Gorman, who were assistant managers before him.

"Mick and John were fantastic for the club and if I can be as good as them I'll be delighted," said Waddock.

"We want to get a good start to the season but it's where you finish that counts.

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Tues	Aug 6	Northampton Town	A	Capital One Cup 1
Sat	Aug 10	Crew Alexandra	H	
Sat	Aug 17	Preston North End	A	
Sat	Aug 24	Bristol City	H	
Tues	Aug 27			Capital One Cup 2
Sat	Aug 31	Sheffield Utd	A	
Tues	Sep 3			J.P.T Round 1
Sat	Sep 7	Swindon Town	H	
Sat	Sep 14	Notts. County	H	
Sat	Sep 21	Peterborough Utd	A	
Tues	Sep 24			Capital One Cup 3
Sat	Sep 28	Stevenage	H	
Sat	Oct 5	Gillingham	A	
Tues	Oct 8			J.P.T Round 2
Sat	Oct 12	Leyton Orient	A	
Sat	Oct 19	Rotherham Utd	H	
Tues	Oct 22	Carlisle Utd	H	
Sat	Oct 26	Tranmere Rovers	A	
Tues	Oct 29			Capital One Cup 4
Sat	Nov 2	Walsall	H	
Sat	Nov 9			F.A. Cup 1
Tues	Nov 12			J.P.T Round 3
Sat	Nov 16	Oldham Athletic	A	
Sat	Nov 23	Bradford City	H	
Tues	Nov 26	Colchester Utd	A	
Sat	Nov 30	Coventry City	H	
Sat	Dec 7			F.A Cup 2
Tues	Dec 10			J.P.T Round 4
Sat	Dec 14	Wolves	A	
Tues	Dec 17			Capital One Cup 5
Sat	Dec 21	Port Vale	H	
Thu	Dec 26	Crawley Town	A	
Sun	Dec 29	Brentford	A	
Wed	Jan 1	Colchester Utd	H	
Sat	Jan 4	Crewe Alexandra	A	F.A. Cup 3
Tue	Jan 7			Capital One Cup Semi Final (1)
Sat	Jan 11	Shrewsbury Town	H	
Sat	Jan 18	Bristol City	A	
Tues	Jan 21			Capital One Cup Semi Final (2)
Sat	Jan 25	Preston North End	H	F.A.Cup 4
Tues	Jan 28	Carlisle Utd	A	
Sat	Feb 1	Tranmere Rovers	H	
Tues	Feb 4			J.P.T Area Final 1st Leg
Sat	Feb 8	Walsall	A	
Sat	Feb 15	Oldham Athletic	H	F.A. Cup 5
Tues	Feb 18			J.P.T Area Final 2nd Leg
Sat	Feb 22	Bradford City	A	
Sat	Mar 1	Sheffield Utd	H	
Sun	Mar 2			Capital One Cup Final
Sat	Mar8	Swindon Town	A	F.A. Cup 6
Tues	Mar 11	Notts. County	A	
Sat	Mar 15	Peterborough Utd	H	
Sat	Mar 22	Stevenage	A	
Tues	Mar 25	Gillingham	H	
Sat	Mar 29	Wolves	H	
Sun	Mar 30			J.P.T Final
Sat	Apr 5	Coventry City	A	
Sat	Apr 12	Crawley Town	H	F.A. Cup Semi Final
Fri	Apr 18	Port Vale	A	
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Sat	May 3	Leighton Orient	H	
Sat	May 16			F.A Cup Final

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First choice keeper and fine shot stopper who missed the run-in last season due to injury. Faces battle with Ian McLoughlin to keep the gloves.

2. JON OTSEMOBOR
Right back christened 'the heel of God' thanks to his last gasp winner against AFC Wimbledon. Strong and powerful full-back.

3. DEAN LEWINGTON
The skipper. Dubbed Mr Milton Keynes for being at the club since it began, it is hard to imagine life without the left back.

4. TOM FLANAGAN
A big season for the young centre back who, despite limited appearance so far, has been entrusted with the number four shirt.

5. LEE HODSON
Northern Ireland international defender, a summer signing on a free transfer from Championship side Watford.

6. SHAUN WILLIAMS
Hugely influential season last time out, mainly in the heart of the defence. The reigning player of the year.

7. STEPHEN GLEESON
Midfielder who pulls the strings and often runs the show in the middle of the park. Missed severely when injured last season.

8. DARREN POTTER
Player of the year from 2011-12, midfielder who often turns on the style with a superb range of passing.

9. DEAN BOWDITCH
One of the club's main source of goals last year, a tricky winger and often a fine finisher.

10. LUKE CHADWICK
Fan's favourite who has been given the number ten shirt this season. Never stops running or working, a constant menace.

11. ALAN SMITH
Former Manchester United and England man who brings strength, grit and experience to the ranks.

12. BEN REEVES
Twenty-one-year-old midfielder signed from Southampton this summer as Karl Robinson's first permanent capture.

13. IZALE MCLEOD
The club's all-time leading scorer returned for a second spell at Dons last year. Scored just once and will hope to find regular goals.

14. DELE ALLI
Highly regarded 17-year-old midfielder who has a bright future in front of him. Expected to be given more opportunities.

15. PATRICK BAMFORD
On-loan Chelsea striker returns again and at just 19, is tipped for big things. Finished last season strongly.

16. IAN MCLOUGHLIN
Often the back-up keeper to David Martin, the Irishman finished the season due to his counterpart's injury and is a real contender to play regularly.

17. DANIEL POWELL
Lively and swift academy product who on his day can light up grounds with his performances on the flanks.

18. GEORGE BALDOCK
The brother of former Dons hero Sam, the midfielder will be looking to step out of his shadow this year after loan stints away.

19. BRENDAN GALLOWAY
Another promising teenager, Galloway developed as a midfielder but could be converted to defence.

20. GIORGIO RASULO
Like Dele Alli, Giorgio is a talented 16-year-old prospect who will likely be handed more first team time this season.

21. JASON BANTON
A new addition to the squad. Winger signed on loan from Crystal Palace until January.

24. ANTONY KAY
Battling centre back who joined from Huddersfield last summer. Sent off three times but made some key contributions.

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The Manager

Dons manager Karl Robinson insists that this year will be tougher than the last campaign as his side prepare for another season in League One.

Having finished eighth last season, Robinson was linked with other jobs during the summer, but he showed his commitment to the cause by staying faithful with the Dons.

And he is taking the pressure off a side which has become certainly more youthful over the summer, which he says has brought several benefits.

It is not just the energy which youthful players bring which has benefitted the squad - the older players have upped their game and been given a fresh lease of life.

"The energy has improved and that has pushed the older players," said Robinson.

"It has pushed them to show they have to maintain their level of fitness and some of these players are as fit as they've been in their lives.

"The youngsters have some great role models to look up to as well so I think the balance is right, although when we're talking about older players they're 29, 30 and 31."

Robinson is also happy with the acquisitions Dons have made this summer, with Ben Reeves, Lee Hodson, Jason Banton and Chelsea loanee Patrick Bamford added to the cause.

He thinks the versatility of the newly-recruited players and others such as Jon Otsemobor will quite easily offset the departures of Adam Chicksen, Mathias Kouo-Doumbe, Gary MacKenzie and Ryan Lowe.

"I'd always like to bring in more players but with the free transfers and loans we have worked very hard to do, I am happy with the squad," said Robinson.

"Reeves is a wonderful talent and Lee Hodson has a lot of experience.

"Patrick we already know is quality and Banton looks a great player as well.

"When I'm in the dugout I look on the pitch and there are some great players, but I look behind me and there are match-winners and players who can consolidate, as well as possibly the best number two goalkeeper in the league."

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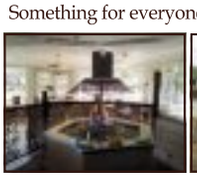

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This season could be a memorable one for MK Dons – as the club has put its faith in youth.

That's the view of Supporters Association chairman John Brockwell who is keen to see a younger crop of players flourish at a soon to be completed stadiummk after the disappointment of missing out on the play-offs in League One last time out.

"Last season we seemed to bring in older, harder players," said Brockwell.

"This year the emphasis is on youth and hunger which is what we used to do as a club.

"It's like we'd lost our way with our policies last year and have now gone back to our roots."

Manager Karl Robinson has made four signings this summer – Jason Banton, Ben Reeves, Patrick Bamford and Lee Hodson – and nobody in that quartet is over the age of 21.

Fans can also expect to see more of the players who are beginning to flourish after coming out of the club's burgeoning academy, with the likes of Dele Alli and Giorgio Rasulo likely to get more minutes on the pitch.

"There's no doubt that it will be a difficult season," said Brockwell. "But can that young hunger get us over the line? We've got to go up sometime."

The younger feel to the squad may be part of the reason why expectations are lower at the club this season, a far cry from last year when an easier looking division skyrocketed the hopes of many.

With no pressure on their shoulders, the young crop should have the freedom to express themselves as the club bid for promotion.

"Exepctations were built up to a high extent by the manager and the chairman last season," said Brockwell.

"We almost expected automatic promotion and when it didn't happen it was gut-wrenching.

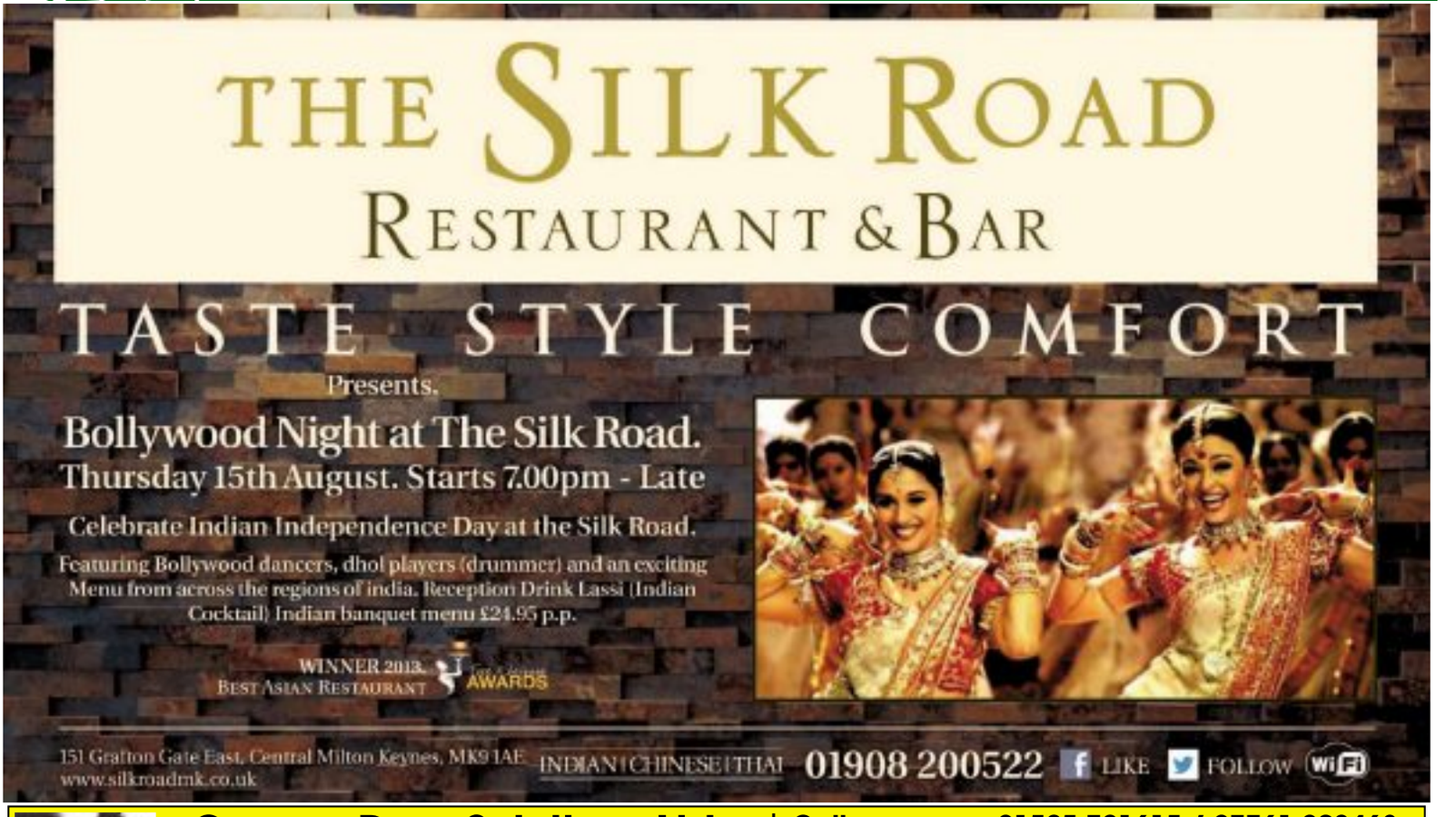
"This time that build up is not there and it reminds me of when we won League Two in 2008 as nobody had high expectations that we'd be champions that year.

"There were only a few squad changes but we changed the style of football and we went up.

"I'd expect us to have an exciting and successful campaign this time, and it should be an interesting style of football, especially with the smaller pitch."

Brockwell has targeted a play-off spot and backs Wolves, who have suffered back to back relegations, to win.

"It's all about our priorities"



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BREATHE in...and out. Breathe in...and out. And stret-t-t-t-tch. Sorry, I can't stop; I'm in training.

I am currently preparing for a Shakespeare marathon. Okay, no running is called for but a great deal of sitting is required; nine hours of it in fact, with just a few breaks for refreshment, leg-stretching and the loo.

Shakespeare didn't intend it to be so. He quilled three separate plays that just happen to follow, chronologically, through a period of brutal civil war.

If you've been watching the current BBC TV adaptation of Philippa Gregory's The White Queen, you'll have already got an idea of the fall-out that was left after the House of York went head to head with the House of Lancaster. It all got very messy and roses, that quintessential English flower,

have never caused so much of a drama before or since.

But drama is what this Shakespeareathon is all about.

Directed by Nick Bagnall, with Graham Butler as Henry VI, **pictured above**, these Shakespeare's Globe productions are currently on tour under their original titles – Harry the Sixth, The Houses of York and Lancaster and The True Tragedy of the Duke of York. And while some folk may opt for a pick 'n' mix selection – a little touch of Harry in the night here – a Yorkie bar in the matinee there – it is possible to see all three shows, one after the other, at Milton Keynes Theatre from 12.30pm on Saturday.

Excuse me while I stop for a moment to jog round the office and pump some iron in readiness for the challenge.

But if the audience needs to prepare for it then the actors need to be super fit.

Between the 14 of them, they play upwards of 150 characters. And they supply the soundtrack of trumpet and drums.

It's all exciting stuff, this brutal, bloody history, but there's pathos, black humour and one of the most gorily graphic lines in all of Shakespeare's plays too.

The True Tragedy of the Duke of York turns out to be exactly that for the aforenamed nobleman when his head is disconnected from his body and stuck on top of the city gates for 'York to look upon York'.

Now I need to get back to doing a few press-ups or I'll never be ready to throw myself into the fray when the time comes.

Judy Riley

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MK LIFE in partnership with John Lewis is offering one lucky reader the chance to win an iPad Mini.

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Furzton Lake 10am – 12pm Free

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WOODLAND PLAY
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CARIBBEAN night is back at Olney RFC on Saturday.

The event takes place from 7pm until late. Early bird tickets cost £10 and includes entry and a free drink.

There will be two stages on the night, with steel drum band Tropical Heatwave headlining the event, while a DJ will playing 80s, 90s and present day music on the other stage.

A special barbecue will also include jerk chicken, barbecue ribs, chicken wings and much more.

Tickets should be bought before the night, so text Kane Russell on 07883 285120 if you want to go.

A GRADUATE and undergraduate show will take place on weekends in August at Westbury Arts Centre.

From Saturday until August 30 a selection of artistic works from students will be displayed.

Opening times are between 11am and 4pm on Saturdays and Sundays, but other times can be asked for via appointment.

A viewing will also take place on Friday between 5.30pm and 8pm, when everybody is welcome.

online for all the latest cinema times visit **mkweb.co.uk**

moviereview

AFTER Identity Thief and The Hangover: Part III, Bridesmaids' breakout star Melissa McCarthy seems to be in every comedy going – here she stars in The Heat.

And there's already talk of a sequel after the film became a massive hit Stateside.

McCarthy stars as Shannon Mullins, a skilled Boston cop whose loud mouth and rebellious attitude is in complete contrast to Sarah Ashburn, portrayed by Speed star Sandra Bullock.

Ashburn is an investigator in New York who, while effective at her job, is despised by her colleagues for her by-the-book approach and condescending attitude.

Ashburn is sent to Boston to partner Mullins in a bid to prove that she can work with other people, and solve a case involving a drug lord.

The Heat is a solid if unspectacular showing. While there are some good laughs, and Bullock and McCarthy work well together, it all seems a bit too predictable.

James Averill

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Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

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playtime

A FAMILY fun day will take place at Broughton Park tomorrow.

People can go along and speak to rangers from The Parks Trust, who will be available for visitors to ask questions.

Limited parking is available at Broughton Fields School car park in Milton Road.

The fun day is free and takes place from 1-4pm.

■ Find out more information by logging onto www.mkweb.co.uk/days-out/parks

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WHY not raise money for Oxfam while listening to some music?

Oxjam, which raises cash for the charity, takes over the Watershed at the Rose and Crown in Newport Pagnell on Saturday from 2pm until midnight.

Acts include The Cracked, **left**, and tickets cost £5 from www.wegottickets.com

#artscamp

CREATIVE sessions at Creed Street Theatre in Wolverton will keep kids occupied for the summer.

They can choose from things such as animation, dance and photography.

#ArtsCamp runs until August 29 and each session costs just £2.

For more information, and to download a membership form, visit www.creedstreet.com

showtime

WEST End star Mark Wynter is in town for Dreamboats and Petticoats, which runs from Monday for a week at Milton Keynes Theatre.

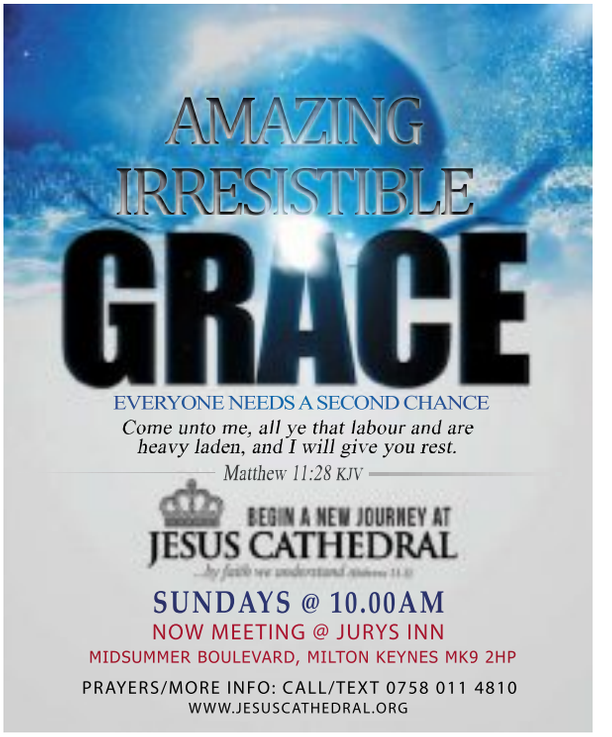
The show features tracks from musicians such as Roy Orbison.

For more information visit www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes

spokenword

MK GALLERY is hosting the first of two consecutive evenings of spoken word from Milton Keynes writers and poets tomorrow.

Deborah Fielding, Bard of Stony Stratford Richard Frost, Eleni Cay, Guy Russell and James Brightman are among the speakers at the event, which begins at 6.30pm. Free entry.



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Great Linford

A UNIQUE five-bedroom detached period property with separate two-bedroom annexe in a peaceful setting within the Great Linford conservation area.

Constructed in stone, it includes many original features, such as a galleried landing, elegant staircase, inglenook fireplace with bread oven and a well in the front garden.

The main residence and annexe also boast ceiling timbers, fireplaces and floorboards, to name just a few of the lovely features in these two properties.

Overlooking open greenery, the property is just a few moments from the village centre, green, walks along the Grand Union canal and ponds within the grounds of Great Linford Manor.

The house offers versatile accommodation with two staircases, two large living rooms, a large ground floor study, family room, large kitchen/diner, cloakroom, utility room, dual aspect dining room, five bedrooms – the master and guest bedrooms both have en-suite facilities – and family bathroom.

The annexe comprises an entrance porch, large kitchen/diner and lounge, both with vaulted ceilings, two double bedrooms, two loft rooms, gym and garage.

The grounds are mature and well stocked with a large lawn, vegetable garden with apple trees and two extensive patio areas.

A picket fence encloses the front garden and the house is approached through a gated centralised pathway leading to the front door. The properties also benefit from a six-car driveway.

To arrange a viewing of the property, on the market for £1.1million, contact Elevation Estate Agents on 01908 231551.

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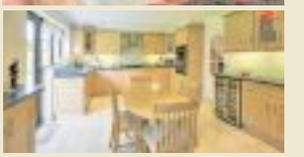
Guide Price £885,000

Willen

- Executive Residence
- Four Bedrooms
- Five Receptions
- Kitchen/Brekafast Room
- Master with En-Suite
- Family Bathroom

This exceptionally well presented and spacious executive residence in the popular residential area of Willen benefits from double garage with off road parking and a large private rear garden.

£725,000



Hanslope

- No Upper Chain
- Village Location
- Countryside Views
- Approx One Acre of Land/Paddock
- Three Bedrooms
- Two En-Suites

Hanslope is a village and civil parish in the Borough of Milton Keynes. The village is about four miles WNW of Newport Pagnell, about four miles North of Stony Stratford and eight miles North of Central Milton Keynes

£495,000

Great Linford

- Stunning Setting
- Six Bedroom Detached
- Overlooking Parkland
- Village Loaction
- Versatile Accomodation
- Two En-Suites

Stunning six bedroom detached cottage in the sought after Great Linford area. Looking over open parkland and set in the picturesque old village, this wonderful home offers a wealth of character and flexible living space.

£415,000

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- Family Bathroom
- Gardens

Bradwell Common £325,000

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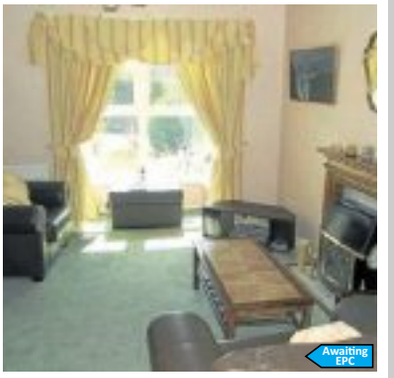
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Utility Room/Family Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Roof Terrace

Milton Keynes £290,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Communal Garden

Heelands £190,000

- Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Gardens
- Garage



Oldbrook £240,000

- Detached Residence
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Gardens & Off Road Parking

Emerson Valley £230,000

- Four Bedroom Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden
- Off Road Parking & Garage

Caldecotte £189,995

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge/Dining Room/Kitchen
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Lakeside Location

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- Kitchen & Lounge
- Bathroom
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Oldbrook £170,000

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- Conservatory
- Garage
- Cloakroom

Shenley Brook End £162,500

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- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
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- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Garden
- Garage
- Off Road Parking

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- Off Road Parking
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- Highly Sought After Village of Hanslope.
- Gas Fired Central Heating

Westcroft **£425,000**

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- Double Garage & Balcony

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- Two Reception Rooms
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- Three Bedroom Detached House
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge

Westcroft **£208,000**

- Three Bedrooms
- Terraced
- Garage
- Two Bathrooms

Furzton **£180,000**

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Bathroom

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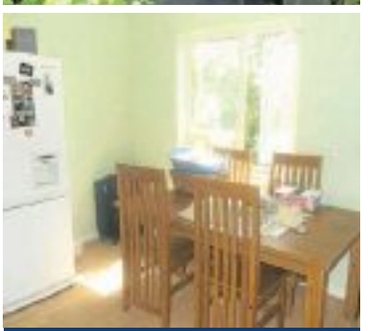

Neath Hill £125,000

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Great Linford £290,000

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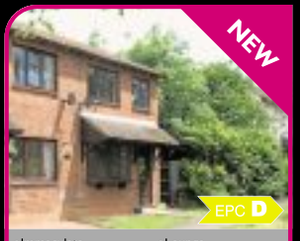
Collingtree Park £1,000,000

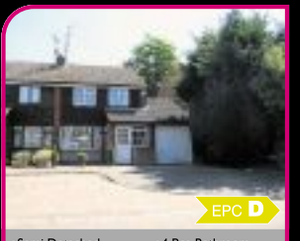
- End Of Terrace
- Town House
- 3 Bedrooms
- Downstairs Cloak
- Shower Room
- Bathroom
- Separate Receptions
- No Above Chain

Westcroft £199,950



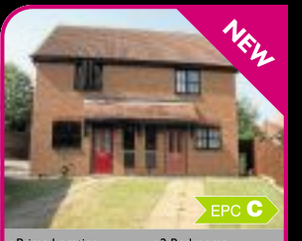
- Immaculate
- End Of Terrace
- 3 Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge
- Landscaped Garden
- Parking
- No Above Chain

Furzton £184,995



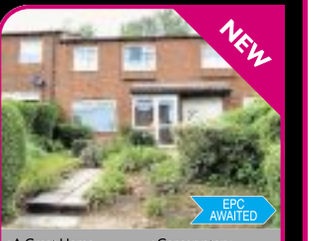
- Semi Detached
- 3 Bedrooms
- Utility
- Playroom
- 4 Pce Bathroom
- Great Rear Garden
- Large Kitchen/Diner
- Do Not Miss Out

Old Wolverton £200,000



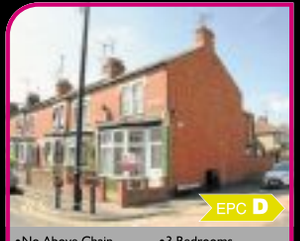
- Prime Location
- Semi Detached
- Downstairs Cloak
- Lounge/Diner
- 2 Bedrooms
- Good Size Rear Garden
- No Above Chain

Shenley Brook End £169,950



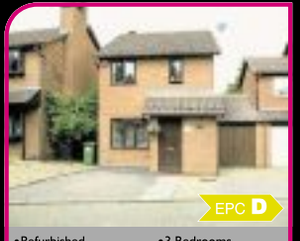
- A Great Home
- Mid Terrace
- 3 Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Conservatory
- Landscaped Garden
- Kitchen/Diner
- Lounge

Springfield £179,995



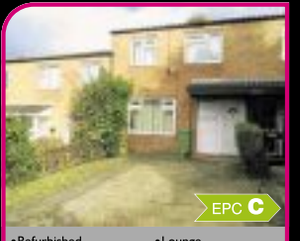
- No Above Chain
- End Of Terrace
- 3 Receptions
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- In Need Of Work

Wolverton £149,950



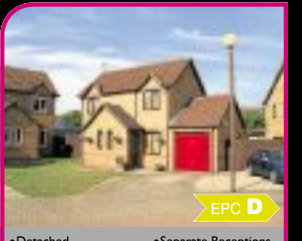
- Refurbished
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Cloakroom
- Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen
- Close To Grand Union Canal

Bolbeck Park OIEO £210,000



- Refurbished
- 3 Bedrooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking

Downs Barn £159,995



- Detached
- 3 Bedrooms
- Large Conservatory
- Cloakroom
- Separate Receptions
- Garage
- Near To Furzton Lake

Furzton £229,950

- Terraced
- Lounge
- Kitchen/DIner
- 3 Bedrooms
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- Two Bedrooms
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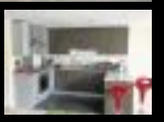

Central Milton Keynes £210,000
- Central Living Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master Bedroom
- Balcony
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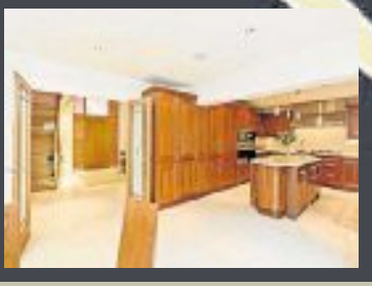

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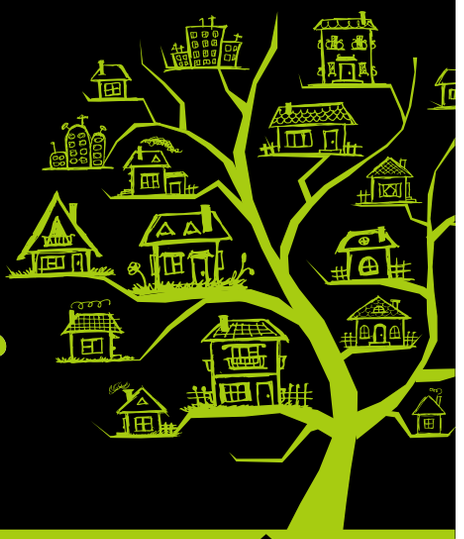

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A new project, Luton Advice Network Transition Project, funded by the National Lottery through the Big Lottery Fund means we are now recruiting for the following:

Project Manager
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Annual Leave: 25 days plus public holidays

Key responsibilities:

- Provide project management for the Luton Advice Network Transition Project to ensure the Project achieves all its stated aims, outputs and outcomes on time and within budget

Administrator
35 hours weekly
Salary: 19,000pa
Annual Leave: 25 days plus public holidays

Key responsibilities include:

- Administrative support for the Luton Advice Network Transition Project to ensure the Project achieves all its stated aims, outputs and outcomes on time and within budget

Both posts will be employed by Luton Rights

For an application pack with job description:
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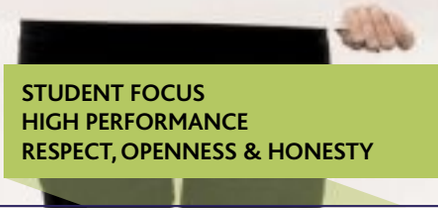

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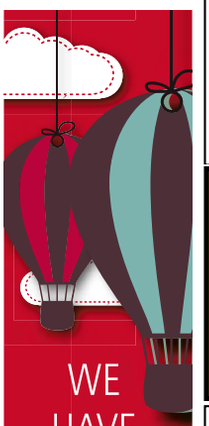

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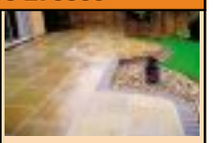
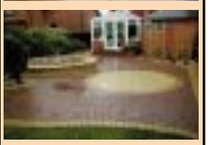
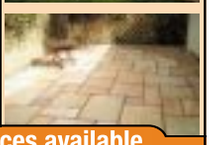

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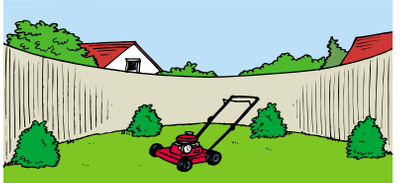

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Notice is hereby given that David James Fenton and Leigh Blackmore of Merlin House Falconry Court Bakers Lane Epping CM16 5DQ have applied to the Judge at Milton Keynes County Court for a Bailiffs Certificate. Any person who knows of a reason why David James Fenton and Leigh Blackmore are not fit and proper persons to be granted a Certificate should contact the Court Manager at Milton Keynes County Court 351 Silbury Boulevard Witan Gate East Central Milton Keynes MK9 2DT before the hearing date of 08/08/2013.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 16A
CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL
(WOBURN: PART OF FOOTPATH NO 5)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2013

Central Bedfordshire

Notice is hereby given that Central Bedfordshire Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any person proceeding on foot along the length of Footpath No 5, Woburn which extends from Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OS GR) SP 9652 3335 in a generally westerly and then south westerly direction for approx 521 metres to OS GR SP 9601 3329.

The Order will be operative from 16 August 2013 until 18 August 2013.

The alternative route for footpath users while the closure is in operation will be:

From OS GR SP 9601 3329 proceed in a north easterly then northerly direction for approx 216 metres to Park Street, Woburn OS GR SP 9608 3350. Continue in a east south easterly direction for approx 456 metres to OS GR SP 9653 3343 then proceed in a generally southerly direction for approx 92 metres to OS GR SP 9652 3335.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 16 August 2013 for a period of 3 days.

For further information please contact Rick Thompson, Tel: 0300 300 6113, rick.thompson@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

DATED 4th August 2013

Technology House
Ampthill Road
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DAVID LEVERINGTON
Rights of Way Team Leader

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(STATION SQUARE, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (PROHIBITION OF U-TURN) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make the above named Order under sections 1(1) and 2(1) to (3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (the Act). The effect of the proposed Order, which will affect all classes of vehicle, will be to prohibit vehicles from carrying out the following manoeuvres along the south-eastern vehicular accessway within Station Square, Central Milton Keynes as follows:-

U-turn manoeuvres - from the south-westbound carriageway (between its junction with Elder Gate and the south-western kerbline of Station Square, to the north-eastbound carriageway (between its junction with Elder Gate and the south-western kerbline of Station Square).

A copy of the proposed Order, a statement of reasons for proposing the Order, and a map showing the lengths of carriageway referred to, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 28 August 2013 quoting reference BAS-P&E-007769-2212.

7 August 2013

Civic Offices,
1 Saxon Gate East
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Ifty Ali
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APPLICATION TO LICENCE PREMISES FOR CIVIL CEREMONIES

Notice is given that the following application has been received for a Licence for the use of premises listed below for civil ceremonies.

A copy of the application and covering plans will be available for inspection at the Register Office Bracknell House Aylesbury Street Bletchley Milton Keynes on weekdays between 9.30am and 4.30pm from Monday 12 August 2013 until Friday 30 August 2013.

Anyone wishing to object to this application should write to the Proper Officer for Registration Civic Offices 1 Saxon Gate East Central Milton Keynes stating their objections by Monday 2 September 2013.

Karen Ford
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Name and Address of Applicant

Abbey Hill Hotel
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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (PORTE COCHERES, CARRIAGEWAY AND FOOTWAY, LOWER NINTH STREET AND MIDSUMMER BOULEVARD (PART), CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends in not less than 7 days from the date of this Notice, to make an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to enable carriageway resurfacing works and kerb replacement to be carried out. The effect of this will be to temporarily prohibit vehicular traffic and pedestrians from proceeding along the following portes cocheres, and parts of roads and footway whilst works are carried out. It is anticipated that the closures will be in effect from 9:30 am on Monday 19th August until 4:30 pm on Friday 23rd August 2013.

The following lengths of roads will be closed:-

- Lower Ninth Street (both sides) - it's entire length;
- Midsummer Boulevard (both sides) - from it's junction with Lower Ninth Street to it's junction with Secklow Gate;
- Midsummer Boulevard (the north-west vehicular accessway - between Lower Ninth Street and Secklow Gate.

Whilst the above lengths of road are closed, the alternative routes will be via:-

- Eastbound:- Avebury Boulevard (eastbound) and Secklow Gate (northbound);
- Westbound:- Secklow Gate (southbound) and Avebury Boulevard (westbound).

The following lengths of footway will be closed:-

- Lower Ninth Street (both sides) - it's entire length (from the edge of the carriageway to a point approximately 5 metres from the edge of the carriageway);
- Midsummer Boulevard (both sides) - from it's junction with Lower Ninth Street to it's junction with Secklow Gate.

Whilst the above lengths of footway are closed, the alternative pedestrian routes will be via:-

- Midsummer Boulevard (north-west side) – between Secklow Gate and Saxon Gate;
- Saxon Gate (east side) – between Midsummer Boulevard and Avebury Boulevard;
- Avebury Boulevard (north-west side) – between Saxon Gate and the porte cochere (situated between Lower Eighth Street and Lower Ninth Street);
- Avebury Boulevard (south-east side) – between the porte cochere (situated between South Eighth Street and South Ninth Street) and the porte cochere (situated between South Ninth Street and South Tenth Street);
- Avebury Boulevard (north-west side) – between the porte cochere (situated between Lower Ninth Street and Lower Tenth Street) and Lower Tenth Street;
- Lower Tenth Street;
- Midsummer Boulevard (south-east side) – between Lower Tenth Street and Secklow Gate;
- Secklow Gate underpass (through the Market).

The road and footway closures and alternative routes will be signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the traffic signs manual.

The following porte cocheres will be closed:-

- Midsummer Boulevard - between Lower Ninth Street and Lower Tenth Street;
- Midsummer Boulevard - between lower tenth Street and Secklow Gate.

The disabled persons' parking bays and Hackney Carriage stand located in the north-west vehicular accessway on Midsummer Boulevard will be temporarily suspended during the closure.

It is anticipated that the proposed road closures will have an impact on the local bus service, and bus stops in the affected roads will become temporarily out of use whilst works are carried out. Passengers will therefore be directed to the existing bus stops along Midsummer Boulevard adjacent to the Food Hall (between Secklow Gate and Marlborough Gate), which will include provision for those buses affected by the closures.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, and these will be displayed in the affected areas a few days in advance.

The proposed order will come into operation on 19 August 2013 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 18 months or until the works are complete, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

7 August 2013

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(MARKET PLACE, OLNEY)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER (No.2) 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, with the consent of the Secretary of State for Transport, for the purpose of facilitating the holding of a relevant event namely 'The Big Olney Food Festival', which is being promoted by Samantha Tomlin, on behalf of the Olney Chamber of Commerce, intends to make an Order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit all vehicular access along the north-eastern side of Market Place, Olney from its junction with the High Street to its junction with Silver End, Olney. Parking places along the above length of road will also be suspended for the duration of the event. It is anticipated that the closure will be in operation on Saturday 7th September 2013 between the hours of 9.00am and midnight. The closure will be in effect when the appropriate signs are in place.

The alternative route for traffic will be via the High Street and the south-western side of Market Place, Olney and vice versa.

The proposed Order will come into operation on Saturday 7th September 2013 at 9.00 am and will continue in force for a maximum period of 3 days or until the completion of the relevant event, whichever shall be the sooner.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency service vehicles, military vehicles on operational duties and vehicles used in connection with the event.

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of reasons for making the Order and a map showing the areas referred to, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, at Olney Library, High Street, Olney and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, quoting reference number WL/P&E/007684/TCO/2200.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

7th August 2013

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Ifty Ali
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Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73 — WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

13/01599/FUL	First floor side and rear extension, garage extension to form annexe at Hobbes Cottage, North End, Ravenstone
13/01603/TCA	Notification of intention to thin and reduce the height of a plum tree (tree F); remove all branches from main split and pollard an Ash tree (tree E) at 19 Gold Street, Hanslope
13/01604/TCA	Notification of intention to remove 2 x Leylandii trees (trees A and B); remove an Ash tree (tree C); remove a Eucalyptus tree (tree D) at 17 Gold Street, Hanslope
13/01660/TPO	Tree preservation order consent to re-pollard 2 Horse Chestnut trees at Chestnuts, South Street, Castlethorpe

SECTION 67 & 73 — LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

13/01518/FUL	Extension and alterations to the existing church buildings including the following: New entrance, atrium, first floor gallery and balcony to the sanctuary and additional meeting rooms to the Cofferidge Close side of the site. The works require removal of the windows and wall to the north side of the Sanctuary (retaining the gable). The North gable and end room of the 'west wing' is proposed for demolition to make way for the extension of the Sanctuary at Stony Stratford Community Church, Horsefair Green, Stony Stratford
13/01579/FUL	Part change of use of existing restaurant (use class A3) to add hot food takeaway (use class A5) (Resubmission of 13/00780/FUL) at 100 High Street, Stony Stratford
13/01580/LBC	Listed building consent for part change of use of existing restaurant (use class A3) to add hot food takeaway (use class A5) (Resubmission of 13/00773/LBC) at 100 High Street, Stony Stratford
13/01610/FUL	Change of use of part of rear service yard to external seating area with soft and hard landscaping at The Dolphin, 82 High Street, Newport Pagnell
13/01611/LBC	Listed building consent for insertion of glazed double doors to rear elevation at The Dolphin, 82 High Street, Newport Pagnell
13/01630/LBC	Replace existing windows in kitchen, bathroom, landing, ground floor toilet, small dining room at 26 High Street, North Crawley, Newport Pagnell
13/01646/EENO	Notification of intention to construct a single storey rear extension with first floor gallery (to Cofferidge Close) and undertake internal alterations at Stony Stratford Baptist Church, Horsefair Green, Stony Stratford

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR

13/01607/OUT	Outline planning permission for the construction of residential development including means of access and associated works at Site At Days Inn Hotel, M1 Motorway Service Area North And South, Little Linford Lane, Newport Pagnell
13/01608/FUL	Redevelopment of site with the construction of hotel (Use Class C1), office building (Use Class B1), access roads, car parking, landscaping and other ancillary works at Site At Days Inn Hotel, M1 Motorway Service Area North And South, Little Linford Lane, Newport Pagnell
13/01619/FUL	Erection of 24 x residential units including provision of associated access, roads and parking at Land At The Former First School Site, Garthwaite Crescent, Shenley Brook End

NICK FENWICK
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

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LICENSING ACT 2003

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE / CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE

NOTICE is hereby given that: Multinational Trader (2000) Ltd

Has applied to THE LICENSING AUTHORITY AT MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL for a PREMISES LICENCE / CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE

At: Unit 2, Stephenson House, Bletchley, Milton Keynes, MK2 2AS

The following licensable activities are proposed during the following times:

Sale of alcohol: - Monday – Saturday: 07.00 to 23.00, Sunday: 08.00 to 22.00

Full details of the application can be viewed via The Licensing Register at the Civic Offices of the Council. This is accessible Monday to Thursday between the hours of 9am to 5pm, and Fridays 9am to 4pm (excluding bank holidays) or online at: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/licensing

Any interested party (such as a resident or local business) or responsible authority wishing to make representations either against or in support of the application must do so in writing by the following date:

24/8/2013

To the following address:

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MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL, REGULATORY UNIT
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Representations received in response to this application will ordinarily be made available for public inspection, including disclosure to the applicant and any relevant responsible authorities unless agreed otherwise. Representations must relate to one or more of the licensing objectives (namely crime and disorder, public nuisance, public safety, or protection of children from harm.) Individuals making a representation must live in the vicinity of the premise.

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Date this 27th day of July 2013

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LICENSING ACT 2003

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE / CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE

NOTICE is hereby given that: Mr PalaniveluVimaleswaran

Has applied to THE LICENSING AUTHORITY AT MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL for a PREMISES LICENCE / CLUB PREMISES CERTIFICATE

At: 2 Wordsworth Place, Bradwell Common, Milton Keynes, MK13 8BT.

The following licensable activities are proposed during the following times:

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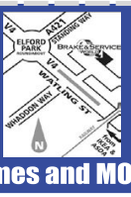

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FOOTBALL

Dons survive late rally to gain cup revenge

FROM BACK PAGE

Dele Alli and Bamford combined well on the right and new signing Reeves pulled the trigger from 20 yards out. His placement was perfect, and there was nothing Duke could do to prevent the ball from sneaking in off the post.

After the goal the Dons continued to press, with Shaun Williams close to doubling the lead when a cross from the right went to the back post, but Duke produced a great save to deny the left back from point-blank range. The resulting effort from the save fell to Alli, who could only blaze the effort over the bar.

From the half-hour mark the Cobblers returned to the game without many clear-cut chances to remind the Dons that the game was far from over.

Roy O'Donovan got the better of Williams in the 34th minute, and with Ian McLoughlin off his line, he stabbed a chip towards goal that had the Dons keeper scrambling, but the effort hit the roof of the net.

Ben Tozer was causing McLoughlin some problems with his enormous throws, but Dons repelled the attacks to stay in front.

The second half started with Bamford not making the keeper work hard enough when he was put through one-on-one, before Banton forced another good save from the outstanding keeper when he shot from the edge of the box, despite Baldock crying out for the ball with acres of space on his right.

But the visitors were not made to rue the misses as Dons soon went 2-0 up. Reeves' corner fell to Alli at the back post, who forced a great save from Duke with a mass of bodies around him. But the ball fell to Banton, who slotted home into an empty net to double the Dons advantage.

Baldock showed that he can more than live up to his brother Sam's name with a couple of great chances around the hour mark, while Bamford had yet another chance when he got the better of his defender from a Dons clearance, but his effort was straight at the very busy Duke.

Otsemobor went on a 70-yard run from a Northampton corner before passing to Banton, whose shot was blocked by a mass of Northampton defenders.

A short corner then produced a piledriver of an effort from Stephen Gleeson, but his effort went high and wide as the Dons looked to put the game to bed.

But the game was not over when McLoughlin's howler gifted Northampton a great chance. Mcloughlin effectively passed the ball to substitute Ivan Toney, who had his effort blocked, before Gary Deegan and Tozer also went close with efforts.

That gave the Cobblers impetus, and they pulled a goal back when O'Donovan beat his defender in the box and produced a cool finish to bring Northampton right back into the tie.

From then on it was backs to the walls time as Dons hung on.

Danny Emerton had a volley on the edge of the box blocked by the referee in the 80th minute, before Heath's header went agonisingly close at the back post following a great ball by sub Ishmel Demontagnac.

David Moyo then had a wonderful chance to equalise when one-on-one with the keeper, but he fluffed his lines and his effort missed the target.

Flanagan had the chance to finish the game with a header, but once again Duke came to the home side's rescue with another good save, and the Dons gained revenge for last season's Johnstone's Paint trophy defeat. The next round draw is tomorrow.

OPENER: Ben Reeves is hugged by Shaun Williams after his goal

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wolves roar to play-off semis

MK WOLVES have qualified for the East RL Premier Division play-offs after they won their last game of the regular season.

Against bottom of the table Kings Lynn Black Knights, Oliver Fountain and Kai Muroi bagged a hat-trick each to help MK romp to an emphatic 71-4 victory.

Wolves had the early pressure and that soon paid off with a try for captain Scott Aspinall, which he duly converted.

Aspinall then added to his score with an early drop goal before swift winger Kelvin Dwumfuo ran in a length-of-the-field try.

Some great defensive work from the Wolves set the platform for the next try – with commanding forward Kyle Boad breaking the Kings Lynn line before feeding talented hooker Muroi, who raced 50 yards to score.

Despite missing the conversion, MK had built up a 17-0 lead after 25 minutes.

MK continued to turn the screw with further first-half tries from centre Arran Perry, another from Muroi, wing Kimo Kirby and a 70-yard breakaway try from athletic prop forward Ed Kilby, giving Wolves a commanding 39-0 lead at half-time.

The players were asked to believe the game was 0-0 at half time to keep scoring, but this tactic failed to work as Kings Lynn got their sole try early into the second half.

But having been on the wrong end of heavy scorelines earlier in the season, a hungry Wolves side were keen to round off the regular season by dishing out ruthless results too.

Arran Perry countered the Knights' score by breaking their defensive line before feeding Gav Whitehead, who raced away to score.

MK's prolific try scorer Fountain eventually got on to the scoresheet before Wolves lost a steady presence in the front row when prop Kyle Boad went off with what appeared to be a serious shoulder injury.

Further MK tries followed, with Fountain and Muroi completing their hat-tricks, and Dwumfuo scoring a second to bring the final score to an impressive 71-4, to seal Wolves' play-off spot in only their second ever season since formation.

Wolves will have to be at their best in the play-off semi-final, as their opponents will be this year's league leaders, cup winners and reigning champions, North Herts Crusaders.

The match will be played in Letchworth this Saturday.

The Wolves have already reached the final of the East Shield this season.

They came unstuck against St Ives Roosters after a semi-final victory over Cambridge Lions.

FOOTBALL

Chelsea, Liverpool and Arsenal among 'suitors' for Dele Alli

SPECULATION is linking Liverpool, Arsenal and Chelsea with a bid for 17-year-old Dons midfielder Dele Alli.

The youngster was named in the starting line-up against Shrewsbury on Saturday as Dons began their season with a 0-0 draw and representatives from the Premier League giants were reportedly watching on.

National reports claimed that scouts from the clubs were in the crowd at The New Meadow running the rule over the Dons player in the League One opener.

The papers are also reporting that should he be sold, he would be loaned back to the Dons this season.

Alli made his debut for the Dons in last season's FA Cup draw with Cambridge City in November, when he came on as a second half substitute.

His first goal came in the replay, when the Dons won 6-1, and manager Karl Robinson was quick to heap praise on the youngster after that match, comparing him to Liverpool legend Steven Gerrard.

"We've just witnessed the birth of our own starlet," said Robinson at the time.

"He's a tremendous talent and we have to make sure we look after him and promote him in the right way.

"The fans in our stadium tonight saw a very talented footballer take centre stage."

Alli went on to make three further appearances in the FA Cup and two league appearances last season.

Dons' flourishing academy has gained quite a reputation with numerous youngsters now in the shop window.

In 2011, 14-year-old midfielder Seyi Ojo joined Liverpool for an undisclosed six figure fee, with the Reds reportedly beating off the interest of rivals Chelsea.

Midfielders Giorgio Rasulo and Hugo Logan are currently with the England U16 squad contesting the Nordics tournament.

PROSPECT: Dele Alli

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Five join Lightning

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The final signing of Lukas Zatopek (defence) was confirmed thanks to some of the team's supporters, who contributed to the Czech man's wages.

Speaking of his return, Zatopek said: "I'm very glad to be staying another season at MKL.

"I've said before that the team and supporters are like another family, and we have the best fans in the league."

Lightning's General Manager Vito Rausa said it was a late call to announce the signings.

"It really was an 11th hour decision to reveal the rest of the roster rather than just the single name we'd planned," he said.

Return: Lukas Zatopek, who is back for MK Lightning next season.

"It's only a few weeks now until we get back on to the ice, the refurbishment of our own rink is underway so we decided now was the time to give our supporters a real boost and get everyone back in the mood for some action.

"We want our fans to back us loud and proud in Coventry so we're doing everything we can to make that happen.

"The team is looking forward to getting the season underway and we hope our fans are too."

People at the forum also discussed transport arrangements, which are still to be finalised, but staggered departure times in both directions are planned.

Also revealed was a restructured off-ice team, tasked with strengthening the club's behind-the-scenes operations to get the Lightning through playing home fixtures at a different rink and to help when Lightning return to their own rink.

MOTORSPORT

Not a disaster says Nash

MILTON Keynes World Touring Cars driver James Nash was disappointed with his results in Argentina at the weekend.

Nash scored a double independent's podium with two third places and two top ten results overall at the latest round of the series at the Autódromo Termas de Rio Hondo circuit in the north west of the country.

Nevertheless, Nash was disappointed with the results, particularly as his main rival for the Yokohama Trophy for independent drivers, Michel Nykjaer, took two second places to slightly increase his lead at the top from four points to nine.

Adding to the frustration, Nash had been well paced early on in both races and had clashed with Nykjaer in each.

In the opening encounter and in the midst of a chain of seven cars fighting over second place overall, the Bamboo Engineering driver appeared to lock the brakes on his Chevrolet Cruze and he hit his rival's similar car squarely in the back at the end of the main straight.

In the later race and fighting for third place this time, Nykjaer returned the compliment, albeit on a different part of the circuit.

On both occasions Nash's car came off the worst and he did well to salvage independent podiums and world championship points with a pair of top ten finishes.

Twenty-seven-year-old Nash was philosophical in spite of a disappointing and frustrating weekend.

"Of course it isn't the pair of race results that we wanted but there are eight races to go before the championship is decided," he said.

"In a sense, and with the benefit of hindsight I suppose, we might actually come to look back at this weekend and think it didn't work out too badly after all. We finished despite having a damaged car, we scored valuable points and we didn't lose out too much to Nykjaer.

"It is a shame that my car came off worst in both clashes but nevertheless these things happen.

"Disappointed? Yes. Was it a complete disaster? No."

The next rounds of the 2013 WTCC take place at Sonoma Raceway, California, USA on September 8.

Disappointment: James Nash in action in Argentina

CRICKET

Lorton helps Stony back to winning ways

A LOOK at the local cricket action from the weekend of August 3/4.

Northants Premier League

TYLER Lorton struck 70 to give Stony Stratford victory at home to Oundle Town.

Harry Ramsden claimed a seven-wicket haul but that was not enough to stop Stony.

Lorton was caught by Ben Groom off Ramsden for 70, but Russell White carried the torch with aplomb for the home side as he struck 51.

Ramsden did a good job in bowling most of the tail out as Stony recorded 209-9 in the first innings.

In reply Oundle were bowled out for 133 with ten overs to spare.

Five bowlers picked up at least a wicket, with Steve Bellew 3-14.

Cherwell Cricket League

GREAT Brickhill moved up to seventh when they put Leighton Buzzard Town to the sword in a nine-wicket success.

Wolverton Town solidified their second place position in Division Two with a draw against Bledlow Village.

Bletchley Town's difficult season continued as they were bowled out for 81.

Cropredy only lost one wicket in reply to win by nine wickets.

Four Counties League

CRANFIELD University escaped the relegation zone with a crucial 81-run win over Milton Keynes City.

North Crawley's incredible run of form carried on thanks to a nine-wicket win against Elstow.

Alex Walker and James Armstrong were unbeaten on 72 and 50 respectively to win by the 18th over.

Milton Keynes and New City (Milton Keynes) played out a draw. Newport Pagnell lost by seven wickets to Thurleigh.

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SPORTSSHORTS

ATHLETICS

MARSHALL Milton Keynes Athletic Club's Ian van Lokven won a silver medal at the British Masters M55 10,000m Championship at Oxford.

He finished in 37m 57.80s with Mick Kelly just over five minutes outside the medals in fourth

Representing England, Devon Byrne had a superb second day at the Home Countries Heptathlon (F23) in Stoke to take bronze with 4,586 points.

Following on from the success of the club's Youth Development Team the UK Women's league team secured promotion with equal second place in Division Three.

A win in the 100m thanks to Joey Duck (12.01s) with second by Heidi Nicholas (12.92s) gave the team a flying start, which improved as Duck won the 200m in 24.29s.

In the 100m hurdles Rachel Gibbens won with Heidi Nicholas third, while both relay teams finished second in the 4x100m in 50.65s and the 4x400m in 4m 12.30s.

Two second places in the high jump by the Gibbens sisters, with Rachel clearing 1.65m and Sophie 1.45m, set the field events off and it was better still when Rachel won the Pole Vault with a fine 3.80m clearance.

At the Southern Inter-County Under 13 match at Kingsmeadow, Donovan Kidd was 11th in the 100m, taking 14.05s and 10th in the 200m in 29.09s, while Amber Evans ran a non-scoring 100m in 14.59s.

In Bedford at the Doug Anderson 5k road race Liam Smith was fourth, taking 16m 33s while 27th Malcolm Down was the third M50 in 18m 43s. At the Blisworth Friday 5k Matt Clarke was 6th in 17m 12s with 10th for Jeremy Vick 17m 22s.

KORFBALL

TWO Milton Keynes korfball clubs enjoyed a successful trip to Ely and the Littleport Lions 20th Anniversary tournament, with MK Bucks claiming the runner-up spot and MK Roos finishing fifth.

Both teams enjoyed a successful morning in the group stage, losing just one game between them, with Bucks doing enough to get themselves into the final. They bravely went down 6-4 to a local side from Cambridge.

Roos, fresh from their success in the MK Summer League, went through to the play-off for fourth to sixth places, winning one game and losing one to secure a fifth-place finish.

Paul Windsor was named man of the match for Bucks, with Joe Palmer scooping the equivalent award for Roos.

TAEKWONDO

THERE was success at the European Championships for Milton Keynes' Chand Institute ofTaekwondo.

Reuben Sokhi (first degree) won a gold medal for patterns and a silver medal for special technique, while Jade Wren (first degree) won a silver medal for sparring, a silver medal for special technique and a bronze for patterns.

Scott Owen (third degree) won a bronze medal for sparring and Danielle Luparello (third degree) also won a bronze medal for sparring. More than 300 competitors took part from across Europe.

All of the Chand students will now be competing at the British Championships in October.

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Robbo feeling 'blessed' as new boys secure league cup victory

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CAPITAL ONE CUP FIRST ROUND
NORTHAMPTON TOWN 1
MK DONS 2

MK DONS survived a late rally from Northampton Town to gain revenge for their Johnstone's Paint Trophy defeat last year in the Capital One Cup last night.

Karl Robinson announced six changes to the line-up that drew 0-0 with Shrewsbury Town on the opening day of the season on Saturday, with youngsters Ian McLoughlin, Tom Flanagan, Ben Reeves, George Baldock and Patrick Bamford given the nod to start, as well as the returning Jon Otsemobor.

And the youngsters did the Dons proud as they booked MK's place in the next round of the competition.

Robinson said: "I feel very blessed to be coaching these young players at this early stage of their career.

"We've got lots of talent and I'm very lucky, I looked at them in the warm-up and they looked very young but I was very pleased with tonight."

Northampton looked up for the tie at the beginning, and won a couple of free kicks in the very early minutes, but once the Dons' young squad settled after five minutes, there was only one team in the match.

The first opportunity of the night fell to new boy Jason Banton, who produced a wonderful curler from the edge of the box. It forced a great one-handed save from Matt Duke to divert the attempt over the bar.

The youngsters' exuberance and energy was exciting to watch, and a Bamford volley went agonisingly close to squirming in following a decent save by Duke, but the ball trickled just the wrong side of the post.

It was no surprise when the Dons scored their first goal of the campaign after the start they had.

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CUP PROGRESS: Ben Reeves' shot gets the better of Northampton keeper Matt Duke last night. Picture: James Kearns

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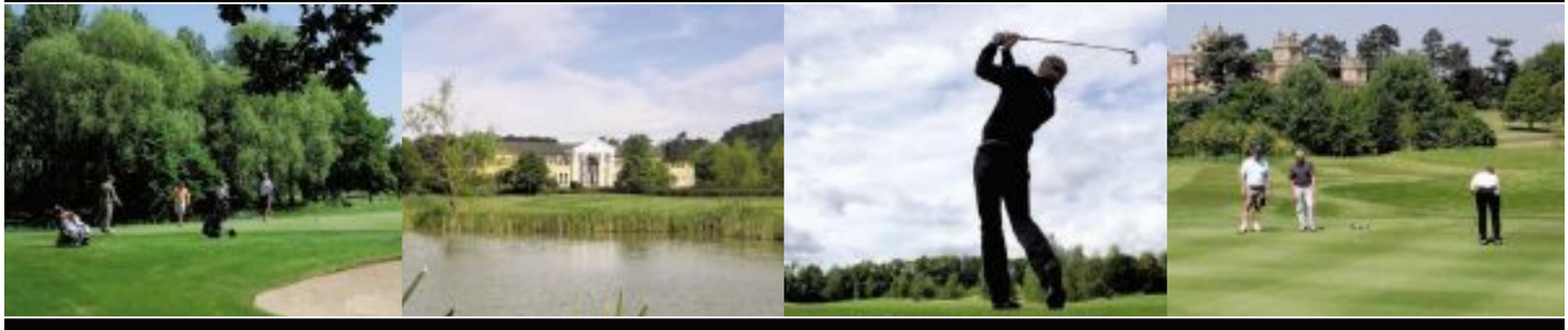

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